

# Poynton

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## The 1980s

## The Queen

Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer in 1981 and street parties were held up and down the country to celebrate the occasion. Prince William was born in 1982 and Prince Harry in 1984. The Queen made historic trips to Vatican City in 1980 to meet the Pope and to China in 1986. She also forged a great friendship with US President Ronald Reagan in the 1980s.



Illustrated London News 7th July 1986, from the British Newspaper Archive



1981 - Fountain Place - Kath Marshall

## The World in the 1980s

The 1980s brought the fragmentation of communism, the breakup of the USSR and the the collapse of the Berlin wall in 1989. Other notable events were the Falklands War in 1982, famine in parts of Africa in 1984-5, the Chernobyl disaster in 1986 and the Tiananmen Square Massacre in 1989. There was a rise in conservatism in political life, led by Margaret Thatcher in the UK and Ronald Reagan in the USA. There was widespread civil unrest with the miners' strikes of 1984-1985, held in an attempt to prevent colliery closures. The term 'Yuppie' was coined for 'young urban professionals' working in cities - 'power dressing', smart suits and big shoulder pads were fashionable. Computers became cheaper and more wide spread in the 1980s and music videos became more popular. Popular music and cultural trends included punk rock, glam rock and new romanticism.

## Poynton in the 1980s

The population of Poynton was just over 15,000 in 1981, a rise of almost 5000 people from 1971. Poynton Industrial estate grew in size, and many new firms moved in, working in steel, paper, electronics, plastics, and fluid mixing, to name a few. Tradespeople who worked in construction, house maintenance, repairs and improvements were in high demand because of the huge rise in the number of houses in Poynton since the 1960s. Parts of the Abbays (Glastonbury Drive) estate were built in the early 1980s. The Social Centre fell into some disrepair in the late 1980s. The Anson Engine Museum opened in Poynton in 1989.

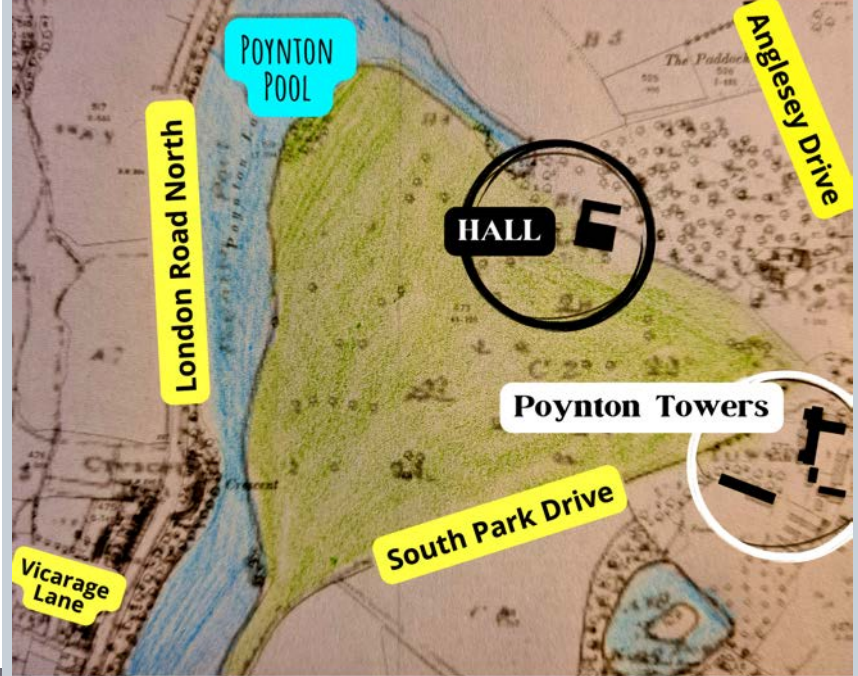
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of Poynton in the 1980s, plus memories from the Poynton community, by scanning the QR code top right, or going to the web address given

## This Place Poynton Pool, Poynton Hall and Poynton Towers

The original 'Poynton Hall' was built in the 1550s - and the estate (and Poynton itself) was owned by the Warren family. In the 1750-60s, Sir George Warren rebuilt Poynton Hall (see position on map to the right). He also ordered a lake to be dug out (now known as Poynton Pool) and the building of London Road, which was known as the 'Turnpike'. He started extracting coal, and his main coal yard was constructed by the pool. At this time, the centre of Poynton village was next to the lake, where Vicarage Lane now meets London Road. Large freestanding towers were built away from the main hall.

1849 map showing Poynton Hall, overlaid on 1896 Ordnance Survey map showing Poynton Towers. Road name labels added for orientation.



Until the mid 1800s, Poynton Hall was the main residence of the Warren family, however the large towers were gradually extended and added to, and became the family's main residence. Having married into the Bulkeley family, the Warrens became the Warren-Bulkeleys, and in 1826, due to a lack of male heirs in that family, the estate passed to Lady Warren-Bulkeley's niece, Lady Vernon. The Vernon family's main seat was Sudbury Hall in Derbyshire, but the Lord Vernons held the estate until the 1920s. In 1911, the family sold off the Towers and much of the estate to fund purchases at the Sudbury estate. The Vernon family sold the final vestiges of their

Poynton Towers postcard 1900-1909 - Image used courtesy of Stockport Image Archive



Now you know how Towers Road got its name!



Photo by Aron Pearson

The aerial photograph above gives a fantastic visual representation of the former position of Poynton Towers - The grand building stood resplendent at the top of the avenue of limes.

property in Poynton in the early 1920s and the last traces of Poynton Towers had been demolished by 1950.

### 1885 article

**THE FROST AND THE SKATERS.**—The long-continued frost has very much contributed to the enjoyment of skaters in this and the surrounding neighbourhoods. The ice on the Poynton Pool has been moderately good, and has been visited by large numbers from Prestbury, Bramall, Macclesfield, Hazel Grove, and even Manchester. We have noticed as many as 400 on the ice at one time, amongst whom were several ladies, who performed in beautiful style.

2.1.1875 Hyde & Glossop Weekly News & North Cheshire Herald, from the British Newspaper Archive

### Did you Know?

People used to skate on Poynton Pool!

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Poynton Hall (left) and Poynton Towers (right) An engraving by Rev. John Watson, C19th



## The Poynton Show

The 1st show of the newly reformed Poynton Horticultural and Agricultural Society was held in 1886, at the behest of the Vernon family. For over 130 years (apart from during the 1st and 2nd World Wars, and a recent pause for the pandemic), on the last Saturday of August, this hugely popular event has been held at Poynton Park. Thousands flock to to see the fantastic array of agricultural and horticultural displays, art, hobbies, handicrafts, food, drink, music and in latter years, fairground rides.

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### Newspaper article about the 1st Poynton Show

#### POYNTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The towers Park at Poynton on Saturday was the centre of considerable attraction, on the occasion of the first show of the recently-formed horticultural society. Some years have elapsed since a similar society was allowed to die out, in consequence, we suppose, of a want of interest on the part of the inhabitants. A few months ago it was determined, by several men interested in horticulture, that an effort should be made with a view to the establishment of another society. Amongst others who have taken an active part in the movement may be mentioned Lord Vernon, Mr E. C. Howard, Mr S. Leigh, Dr. Wise, Mr G. C. Greenwell, Mr Peter Wood, Mr J. Turner, the Rev. T. Bridge (the vicar), &c. The promise of Lord Vernon to give £15 for the best cultivated gardens, to be competed for by cottage gardeners only, gave a wonderful fillip to the movement. Several meetings

The Advertiser, 3.9.1886, from The British Newspaper Archive

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JUDGING SWEET PEAS AT POYNTON SHOW. 1911

## ON YOUR WAY TO TRAIL POINT 4 - PRINCE'S INCLINE Towers Yard

### The Ice House

Take a detour to see the entrance to Poynton Hall's Ice House. Believed to have been built in the 1600s, the subterranean structure would have been filled with ice in the winter months, and used to preserve food and cool drinks throughout the year - Ice houses were the refrigerators and freezers of the past! The Ice House is a Grade 2 listed monument!

Photo Alan Hulme 2019

Just before you reach the point where Prince's Incline crosses Towers Road (and the next trail point), look out on the left for Towers Yard Barns. These buildings are now houses, but were built in the 1830s and 40s as a central workshop, and then offices, for the nearby coal pits.

TO GET TO THE ICE HOUSE, TURN RIGHT AT THE TOP OF SOUTH PARK DRIVE, AND TAKE THE FIRST PATH ON YOUR LEFT INTO THE FIELDS. THE ICE HOUSE ENTRANCE IS ON THE RIGHT OF THE PATH, IN A SMALL MOUND, JUST BY THE LAKE.

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