

## **Q. What are Poynton Town Council doing to help residents around flooding?**

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- Poynton Town Council have few responsibilities around flooding but have brought together the Lead Local Flood Authority (Cheshire East Council) and other stakeholders like the Environment Agency, United Utilities and residents, in the form of The Flood Working Group, to jointly build resilience against flooding.
- Poynton Town Council has created a dedicated page to flooding on it's website which offers residents lots of information and guidance.
- Poynton Town Council have produced two helpful documents relating to flooding. 'Poynton Update and News - Flooding. Be Flood Aware. Prepare. Prevent. Protect.' and 'Poynton Update and News - Flooding. How to prepare and what action to take in the event of a flood'
- With support from the Flood Working Group, in July 2021 every household has received a hand-delivered copy of the 'Poynton Update and News - Flooding. How to prepare and what action to take in the event of a flood'
- Poynton Town Council have developed The Flood Working Group which is made up of councillors and residents who have experienced flooding. The group is a hub for information being fed from the community and the agencies and includes: collecting information from residents, identifying sources of flooding in Poynton; understanding of how Poynton floods and considers its' possible remediation; has developed and reviews an action log generated by the Flood Risk Management Agencies and monitors the actions which have been taken; regularly communicates with the Flood Risk Management Agencies; reviews the 2016 and 2019 Section 19 report (reports on the flood events).
- The Flood Working Group also engage with the Flood Action Group who are a key stakeholder for flooding. The Flood Action Group was formed by residents for residents as a result of flooding in 2016 and 2019. The aim of this group is to help reduce flooding in Poynton and to build community resilience. Members represent locations across the Town.
- Poynton Town Council has set up Poynton's very own Volunteer Flood Warden Scheme.
- Publish a Poynton Flood Update Newsletter produced by The Environment Agency which provides updates on flood mitigation works that have been carried out in the town. The newsletter can be found on the Flooding page of the Poynton Town Council website.