



Poynton Update and News, 27th April 2021

Reopening the Civic Hall

The Civic Hall re-opened as of Monday 13th April 2021. Our facilities are now available to hire to certain groups in-line with the government's current guidance. If you are a pre-pandemic hirer of the Civic Hall, we will be in touch with you when the government allows other interest groups to start meeting again.

Staff are working in the office and the Civic Hall is open Monday – Thursday 10am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 4.30pm and Saturday 9.00am -12noon.

Mayor's Charity

The Mayor traditionally raises funds for one or more local charities or good causes. The charity/good cause must benefit the community of Poynton. If your charity/good cause is interested in being supported by the Mayor in 2021-2022 please contact the Clerk at haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk by 9am on Monday 17th May providing the name of the charity, where the charity/good cause is based and how it benefits the community of Poynton.

Polling Station Changes - 6th May

The Police and Crime Commissioner election is taking place on Thursday 6th May 2021. However, due to the pandemic, a number of our usual polling station venues are not available and Cheshire East have made changes to the locations where some electors will vote.

The following polling station in Poynton are changing Lostock Hall School to St George's Church and Worth Primary to Poynton Workmen's Club. Details of the new venues will be carried on the polling cards which will be distributed from the 25th March.

Poynton 4 Business

Through a collaboration between a number of local businesses and Poynton Town Council we have created an online directory of +300 traders and companies, with the objective to raise awareness and stimulate business within the town. The online directory was created in response to the Mayors Business Survey carried out in autumn 2021.

The website is meant to be a reference site for the local community which complements the various and active Poynton Facebook Groups and Forums.

The website can be found at <https://www.poynton4business.co.uk/>

If you have questions, comments or feedback please contact poynton4business@gmail.com



Poynton Town Council welcomes two new members of staff

Poynton Town Council would like to welcome two new members of staff. Chris Oakes joins the team as Operations Manager and Neil Curry as Caretaker.

The Operations Manager has been busy in his new role and would like to update residents with the following;

Brecon fields community orchard

After consultation and support from local residents, eight fruit trees were planted By Walter Thomas and Steve Tyrrell of Poynton Heritage Garden Group, pictured here with retiring Operations Manager Phil Cunningham. Similar projects by the group will take place later in the year.



Park Lane gets a spring clean

Members of the Town Council, Neil Curry, Gordon Letij and Chris Oakes, with special thanks to Brian Clarke of St. George's Church have given Park Lane a spring clean. This included cleaning the benches and giving the circular seat near the lychgate a good clean with a power hose.

Avoidable sources of flooding

The Operations Manager has been conducting a thorough survey of the Town's grids. Working closely with Cheshire East Highways; their specialist grid teams will be in Poynton in May to clear all blocked grids. If you are aware of a blocked drain let the Operations Manager know. N.B. If it has a green spot, Cheshire East have been notified that the grid needs attention.



Anglesey Drive post box

The coping stone on the post box, which had been off for a considerable amount of time has now reinstated by Chris Oakes, Neil Curry and local resident Lee Marcus.

Drop the Operations Manager a line with anything that you think he needs to be aware of chris.oakes@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

Council Community Support Team (CCST) news

This week the CCST are delivering 'Stranger Danger' talks to the children at The Hollies pre-school. The Team will be passing on key messages to the children to make them aware of strangers they can trust such as police officers and those they can't.

The CCST continue to deliver 'Scam Awareness' material to vulnerable people in Poynton who have reported incidents of nuisance phone calls and scam emails. The Team are working closely with Age UK and Cheshire East Council on this topic.



Poynton Relief Road lane closure 26th April

As the Principal Contractor working with Cheshire East Council and Stockport Borough Council on the Poynton Relief Road project, Graham will be imposing traffic management and switching traffic to a temporary single lane carriageway on the north side of Chester Road. The traffic management will commence on Monday 26th April with the installation of 2-way traffic lights to enable service diversions on the north side of Chester Road adjacent to their site. Following the completion of the service diversions, traffic will be switched to a newly constructed temporary single lane carriageway and managed by 2-way traffic lights.

The temporary carriageway will remain in place for approximately 12 months and is essential to facilitate the ongoing construction of the new Chester Road overbridge, including the completion of the wingwalls and abutments.

Graham are aware of the affect traffic disruption has on their neighbours and local community, so will only be imposing the traffic management and the use of the temporary carriageway for as long as is necessary.

If you would like more information on the Poynton Relief Road project contact the Project Team directly on PoyntonReliefRoad@graham.co.uk.

Find the latest construction newsletter at <https://www.graham.co.uk/poynton-relief-road>

Subscribe for updates on the project via <https://group.graham.co.uk/1F8/PoyntonReliefRoad>

Countryside code

The Government have produced a new countryside code. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code-advice-for-countryside-visitors#follow-signs>.

Residents are reminded to follow the Countryside Code and Respect everyone by:

- being considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available



Did you know that a public right of way is just that? The right to travel along the right of way. You are not allowed to stop for any significant length of time. So no picnics. The landowner has the right to either grant or deny cycling/horse riding along a public right of way.

The landowner can also request that you have your dog on a lead whilst on a public right of way. The landowner has the right to shoot dogs if they are running loose amongst livestock.

Obstructing a public right of way is a criminal offence.

Time to Talk sessions resume at Poynton Civic Hall, 5th May, 26th May and 16th June

If you have memory problems or dementia or are a carer for someone with memory problems or dementia, and would like some advice or support from professionals, book a 20-minute appointment at Poynton Civic Hall to discuss any concerns you have, no matter how small. Telephone 01625 872238 to book a convenient date and time. Please see they flyer for more details. <https://bit.ly/3arcfAA>

Safeguarding Adults Training

Safeguarding is a consideration for all voluntary, community, faith groups and social enterprises. Several dates for free, online Safeguarding Adults Training – Level 1, are available throughout March to July 2021.

Click here to find [more details](#) and register <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safeguarding-adults-training-cheshire-east-tickets-143285666285>



Cheshire East Day Opportunities questionnaire

If you, a member of your family or somebody you have caring responsibilities for accesses day opportunities (a day service) or may do so in the future Cheshire East Council would like to hear from you.

To help plan and develop services for the future, they want to understand how current day opportunities are viewed, how well the service meets current and future expectations and want to hear what ideas you might have for new approaches. Complete the questionnaire below and please submit your response by **5pm on 31 May 2021**.

[Cheshire East Day Opportunities questionnaire](#)

[Easy Read Version: What do you like about day opportunities?](#)

If you would like further information on the engagement process around Day Opportunities in Cheshire East, or to request a paper version please contact:

mark.hughes@cheshireeast.gov.uk or gerard.buckley@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Poynton Pick and Tidy spring clean

Poynton Pick and Tidy propose a series of Pick and Tidy events to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean. (28th May - 13th June 2021).

Saturday mornings — 9:30am - 11:30am.

Meet up at the Civic Hall for registration and briefing regarding areas to be covered, potential hazard awareness and supply of appropriate equipment (Tabards, Litter pickers and bags etc.)

Please let Chris Oakes know if you are available to join any of the following dates;

22nd May, 27th May, 5th June, 12th June

Chris.oakes@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk 01625 872238



Walking guides available from the Civic Hall



Get in step with these walks leaflets available from the Civic Hall reception. 8 circular walks leaflets from Higher Poynton £3 and Poynton, Disley, Pott Shrigley and Adlington Parish Paths walking guides are available for £1 each.



Poynton Library news

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

The Summer Reading Challenge runs from 3rd July – 4th September. This year's theme is Wild World Heroes and encompasses conservation, nature and looking after our planet. After a totally online challenge last year, we hope to be back to some sense of normality this year. Keep an eye on our web page and Facebook page. The library is now open so you can always pop in and chat to us.



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