



Poynton Update and News, 15th March 2021

Poynton Relief Road lane closure 25th March

Graham the principle contractor working on the Poynton Relief Road project have informed Poynton Town Council they will be imposing a lane closure on the north side of Chester Road, adjacent to their site compound on Thursday 25th March for the duration of the bridge beams being lifted into place. The lane closure will be managed by 2-way traffic lights and is essential to facilitate the delivery and lifting into place of two precast bridge beams for the new Chester Road overbridge. They are aware of the affect traffic disruption has, so will be imposing the lane closure for only as long as is necessary. Find the letter [here](#).

Please note the works are subject to weather conditions and any changes in Government COVID-19 restrictions. Find the letter [here](#).

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 [here](#).

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

Census Day is coming!

CENSUS 2021

Households across Cheshire East will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will also be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

Census Day will be on Sunday 21 March, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said: "A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed.

"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."

For more information, visit www.census.gov.uk



Unpaid Carer's Survey

Cheshire East Council are reviewing how services are delivered to our carers in Cheshire East. As a carer, you can help them to do this by giving your feedback and completing the survey. The questions are intended to see how services are for you now and the kind of services you would like in the future. The survey does not ask for your name or contact details. Please submit your feedback by Wednesday 31st March 2021.

The link is: <https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/CarersExperienceSurvey2021/>

For any queries about this engagement or you would like to have help completing this survey e.g. if you would like to receive this questionnaire in an alternative format, or submit your response in a different way, please call [0300 123 55 00](tel:03001235500) or email jill.stenton@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Healthwatch Cheshire Youth Survey

Healthwatch Cheshire are working on a youth project to increase feedback from young people's experiences of health, care, and mental health and wellbeing during the pandemic.

The survey helps service providers to understand directly from people what is going well and what could be improved and would like to get the views and opinions of young people locally.

The survey asks how people have found accessing advice and support, how they have been affected by changes to health and care services, and about their mental health and wellbeing during the Coronavirus outbreak.

The link to the survey is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DTS37SY>

Men's mental health. The 12th Man campaign

The 12th Man campaign is built on the positive values of a football crowd supporting their team when they are struggling for form and aims to raise awareness of mental health and reduce the stigma that can be a barrier to men seeking help. Free Mental Health First Aid training and ongoing support is available to business and interest groups where men make up a large part of their employee or client base such as barbers, pubs, tattoo shops, cycling clubs and football clubs.



For more information see the 12th Man website <https://12th-man.org.uk/> and contact Sharon Duke, Communities Co-ordinator on Sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

Council Community Support Team News

Nitrous Oxide canisters on Tip Hill

Recently the Council Community Support Team have had several reports of nitrous oxide canisters being discarded in public areas around Poynton, most recently on Tip Hill. This appears to be a growing trend amongst young people who refer to nitrous oxide as 'laughing gas' and too many teenagers and parents are naïve regarding the dangerous effects of inhaling this substance. Parents please be aware that this type of activity is happening in Poynton. Do you know what your children are doing this evening?

Defibrillator checks

The Council Community Support Team regularly check all of the Town Council's Automated External Defibrillators in Poynton. The weekly checks of the AEDs make sure they are in full working order should they be required in an emergency. A list of local defibrillator locations can be found on the Town Council's website. <https://bit.ly/3bolH8O>



Consultations

HS2 Phase 2A West Midlands to Crewe Consultation

Poynton Town Council have responded to the above consultation. Amongst the Town Council's concerns are:

- difficulty accessing this new service for residents that live in areas that do not have a direct rail link to Crewe.
- a risk of services to London and the West Midlands from Manchester, Stockport and Poynton, Stoke and southwards being reduced.
- The proposed development of HS2 could reduce the investment in local rail which is much needed.
- HS2 could divert funding from investment in northern areas which require decent infrastructure.

Cheshire East Air Quality Consultation

Poynton Town Council have responded to the above consultation and have expressed concerns regarding the timing of the consultation. Traffic levels have been significantly reduced over the last 12 months due the pandemic, so results may be skewed.

The consultation does not fit with the fact that Cheshire East Council have repeatedly allowed a large amount of new developments, mostly on the outskirts of settlements and so requiring the use of a car to access shops, schools and public services.

Find out more here https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/consultations.aspx

National Planning Policy Framework

The Government is currently seeking views on draft revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework and the draft National Model Design Code to implement policy changes in response to the [Building Better Building Beautiful Commission "Living with Beauty" report](#).

The consultation will close at **11.45pm on the 27th March 2021**.

You can respond to the consultation by following this link <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/planning-policy-and-reform/national-planning-policy-framework-and-national-mo/>

Contaminated Land Strategy

Cheshire East is currently consulting on its draft Contaminated Land Strategy 2021, which presents the Cheshire East Contaminated Land team's objectives for the next five years.

Comments are welcome and must be received by **5pm on Friday 26th March 2021**.

To view the draft Contaminated Land Strategy please use the link <https://bit.ly/3tk4pjl>



Poynton Library news

Census telephone advice

Having trouble completing your census form online? Give us a call at Poynton Library (01625 374818) to make an appointment with one of our advisers who will call you back.

Reading friends

Cheshire East library staff would love to chat to you, hear about what you are reading, share hints and tips about what to read next, discuss favourite authors, maybe share a poem or just talk. Pick up the phone and give us a call. (01625 374818)



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