



## Poynton Update and News, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Who are your community champions?

#### A message from the Mayor, Cllr Lee Podmore

After a year when so many residents and community groups helped each other through the pandemic, it gives me great pleasure in being able to hold the twelfth Town Council Civic Awards to members of our community.

Nominations are invited for this year's Civic Service Awards. Just a handful of these are given each year to individuals or groups who have made a "sustained and significant contribution" to our community. There are also separate awards for Youth Civic Service in recognition of having shown "leadership, initiative, enthusiasm and commitment to a worthwhile cause, of benefit to their peer group and/or the wider community".

The awards are given by the Mayor at his Civic Sunday reception on **22<sup>nd</sup> August**. If you know of any deserving candidates for these awards please collect a nomination form from the Civic Hall or print a copy from the Poynton Town Council [website](#).

Alternatively you can send a brief citation including the nominated person(s)/group contact details, in confidence to the Town Clerk, either by e-mail to: [haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk) or by post to the Town Clerk, Poynton Town Council, Civic Hall, off Park Lane, Poynton SK12 1RB.

The deadline for nominations is 4pm on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**



### Local Covid-19 testing site

The Town Council have been made aware that there is a local testing site currently set up in Poynton at: **The Centre**, 107 Park Lane, Poynton, SK12 1RB.

Opening hours: 9am to 4pm until **Friday 18th June 2021**

You do not need to have an appointment to get tested at the testing site above.

### Poynton Mayor's charities

Poynton Town Mayor, Councillor Lee Podmore is pleased to announce that one of his charities for the year is Poynton Pedals for All. Continuing on from last year's theme of community and thinking green, what better way to do this than supporting a charity that not only promotes a healthy enjoyable sport, but also aims to make cycling accessible for all. For more details please click [here](#).



### Councillor surgery, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Your chance to meet your local Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor and Council Community Support Officer to raise any issues about Poynton. Drop-in at Poynton Civic Hall from 10am to 11am or make an appointment for 11am, 11.20am or 11.40am on 01625 872238.



## Poynton in the pandemic

Read about how Poynton Town Council and Poynton volunteers met the challenges of the pandemic within the community. <https://www.cesap.org.uk/poynton-town-council-rising-to-the-challenge-of-a-pandemic/>



## Community grants

Each year the Town Council has a small annual budget allocation for community grants. 2021 saw local organisations Poynton Area Community Partnership (PACP), Golden Memories and Poynton Heritage Garden make successful applications for funds.

### PACP supporting our young people with learning

Poynton Town Council have supported Poynton Area Community Partnership (PACP) with their initiative which helps young people to home school easier by providing refurbished laptops. PACP reached out to Poynton schools and found support was needed. A successful application of £1,250 to Poynton Town Council's Community Grant Scheme meant the group's funding could go further and support more children.

Mr Dean, Head Teacher at Poynton High School said, *"I really appreciate this support. It will be invaluable for students who are most disadvantaged...please pass on my thanks to all those involved"*.

Mrs Nora Armstrong-Boyle, Head at St Paul's Primary School said, *"Thank you for donating three refurbished laptops to support the learning of children at St. Paul's Catholic Primary School. The partnership working between Poynton Town Council and Poynton Area Community Partnership is impacting the lives of young people in our local schools....What I can confidently say is that your example of partnership working is an inspirational platform from which children can learn about the power of working together"*.



*Vernon Primary School children admiring the laptops to be used for home schooling*

### Golden Memories

Poynton Golden Memories successfully applied for a community grant for £750 for a new website.

### Poynton Heritage Garden

The Heritage Garden group were awarded £300 towards new plants for the area.



*Poynton Mayor and members of Poynton Golden Memories*

## Avoidable sources of flooding

Since March 2021, Poynton Town Council's Operations Manager has been conducting a thorough survey of the Town's grids. Faults are reported to Cheshire East Highways via their webpage portal: <https://www.cheshireeasthighways.org/report-it-general.aspx>. Cheshire East Highways undertook to send gully teams to Poynton.

The Environment Agency have published an update on flood mitigation works that have been carried out in the Town. The newsletter can be found [here](#).

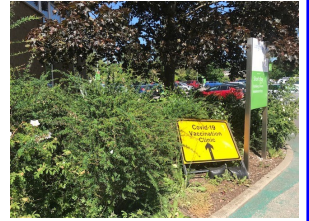




## Bee a Poynton Pollinator!

Poynton Town Council are encouraging Poynton residents to become more 'bee-friendly' and are starting the initiative with a new planting scheme to improve the shrub beds around the Civic Hall by the car park and to the rear of the Civic Hall. The scheme involves removing the existing shrubbery and replacing with new planting which not only will look amazing once it matures, but has been specifically designed with pollinators in mind. More information about how residents can become Poynton Pollinators to follow!

Follow Poynton Town Council's Facebook page to see how the project develops over the coming days. Here are some 'before' photos taken ahead of the project starting!



## Poynton is blooming!

This month saw Poynton Town Council install 16 hanging baskets along Park Lane. They were supplied by Andertons of Moor Lane, Woodford.



Together with Poynton in Bloom and the Heritage Garden Group, Poynton is blooming.

## Poynton Pick & Tidy

The Poynton Pick & Tidy volunteer group has gone from strength to strength; it now has 100 members.

Poynton Town Council has recently hosted three well supported Pick and Tidy events. It is hoped to stage 'tidy events' in the future that will include workdays to clear and prepare the verge on London Road North for a wildflower meadow.



## Council Community Support Team (CCST) news

### Problem Parking

Inconsiderate parking has long been an issue for many residents in Poynton. To tackle the problem, the Town Council have agreed, that alongside their duties supporting the community the Council Community Support Team (CCST) will also have the authority to issue parking tickets on behalf of Cheshire East.

As part of their training the CCST have been on patrol in Poynton town centre with colleagues from Cheshire East Parking Enforcement.

They will soon be enforcing all town centre restrictions. Please park your vehicle legally.

### Stockport County Youth Engagement Football Coaching

Poynton Town Council's Community Support Team in conjunction with Stockport County and Cheshire Constabulary are extremely excited to announce the following Poynton Youth Engagement Sessions.

Stockport Community Trust will be providing FREE football coaching for young people aged 10-17yrs from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Please email [communitytrust@stockportcounty.com](mailto:communitytrust@stockportcounty.com) for more details. See the flyer [here](#).



## Poynton Town Council launches a new website

The Town Council is proud to launch its new, user friendly website. Please spend a little time to browse the site and explore who we are and what we do at Poynton Town Council. The website is an ideal way to keep up to date with local news and events, and what support services and groups are on offer in Poynton.

We hope to keep the website fresh with new images of our area. If you have any photographs that you have taken and would like to share on the website, we are still looking for images of Poynton Pool, the Shared Space, Inclines, Middlewood Way and Poynton Coppice. We ask that there are no identifiable people on the images. Please share your photos to this email address: [office@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)

We hope you enjoy the new website [www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Poynton business community

Have you thought about advertising your local job on Poynton4Business the online directory of +300 traders and companies? The directory was a collaboration by group of volunteers with an interest in business and the Town Council. The aim of the website is to raise awareness and stimulate business within the Town. As well as being a reference site for the local community, the website also provides an opportunity to advertise local jobs to Poynton residents.

The website can be found at <https://www.poynton4business.co.uk/>. If you are interested in advertising your post please email [poynton4business@gmail.com](mailto:poynton4business@gmail.com)

## Your child and gaming online

Online gaming has seen a massive increase in popularity with children over the COVID-19 pandemic. Most experts agree that playing online games can have many beneficial effects to our children. However, there can also be negatives.

Free Gaming4Good webinars are available where you can hear from a panel of experts in family gaming, psychology, gaming risk and finance, about how to approach your child's gaming to help them get the most out of it...and avoid the pitfalls. There are one-hour webinars, each tailored for parents of children of different age groups.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. 10am – 11am. Your child's age: 12 – 15 years

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. 10am – 11 am. Your child's age: 15 – 18 years

To register visit: [www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good-webinar-registration](http://www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good-webinar-registration)

For more information, please visit [www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good/webinars](http://www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good/webinars)

## Badminton returns to the Civic Hall in September

Poynton Badminton club plays at Poynton Civic Hall, and is looking for new members with some experience. The club meets on Mondays at 8.00pm starting 6<sup>th</sup> September. We have two courts so come and enjoy play at our friendly club. Potential new members can have their first 3 sessions **free**. For more information contact Ann and Trevor Tinson in 0161 292 2397 or e-mail [poyntonbadminton@btinternet.com](mailto:poyntonbadminton@btinternet.com)

Haf Barlow, Town Clerk

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