



Poynton Update and News, 14th July 2021

Civic Sunday change of date, 26th September 2021

As a result of continued uncertainty with the delay of lockdown restrictions, ongoing vaccination programmes and the spread of the new variant, the Town Council have decided to delay the Annual Civic Awards until Sunday 26th September 2021.

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.

If you know of any deserving candidates who have made a tremendous effort to support members of our community, 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 or by post to the Town Clerk, Poynton Town Council, Civic Hall, off Park Lane, Poynton SK12 1RB.

The extended deadline for nominations is 4pm on **Friday 13th August 2021**



A big THANK YOU!

Poynton Town Council have been very pleased to support Middlewood Partnership's Covid-19 vaccination programme at the civic hall which has resulted in over 21,000 vaccinations being administered.

Since the first clinic on the 16th January there have been 43 clinics with the final clinic being on the 22nd June. 28 volunteers have supported the clinics 'outside' by providing a friendly face, answering questions and ensuring social distancing is maintained. This has required 384 hours of volunteer time which on average is 14 hours per volunteer. In fact some individuals did many more hours. Whatever time was given, we want to say thank you!

Poynton Town Council would like to thank all the volunteers who gave time to their community. It added a personal touch to Poynton's vaccination experience which was a daunting prospect for some, especially in the early days, when it was the first time some had been outside of their homes for nearly a year - and they were dressed to the nines for the happy occasion!

The volunteers have been out from early until late, in all weathers including an especially snowy morning when gritting was needed to keep the footpaths clear for residents! For those who had their job at the civic hall, we'll sign off with the familiar 'smiley face!' 😊



Boundary Commission consultation

The Boundary Commission are currently consulting on proposed boundary changes that will affect parliamentary constituencies. Under the current recommendations the Macclesfield boundary will remain unchanged and Poynton will continue to be included within this parliamentary constituency.

The consultation closes on the **2nd August 2021**, comments from the public are welcome and can be submitted on the Boundary Commission website <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/>



Bee a Poynton Pollinator!

Poynton Town Council is pleased to announce the launch of the 'Bee a Poynton Pollinator' project, which will see new bee-friendly flowerbeds planted around the Civic Hall. The council is delighted to be working with businesses and key community groups to make this first pollinator project a reality.

The beds around Poynton Civic Hall haven't seen a horticultural hand for many a year with uninspiring and lacklustre planting. However, this project hopes to bring a new lease of life to the area, creating a space that both residents and wildlife can enjoy.

The project has been made possible through the generous support of businesses and local community groups, including Poynton Baptist Church's Gardening Community who designed the amazing bee-friendly planting scheme for the beds. It was a hive of activity with their volunteers planting the new beds!

Civil engineering specialists GRAHAM, who are currently constructing Poynton's Relief Road, provided a digger. With help from construction workers the shrubs were removed and the site cleared. This was a great help considering the extensive roots that needed to be removed before any planting could begin.

The 'Poynton Pollinator' project is only just beginning, and will continue with the help of local businesses and community groups over the next year, helping to boost Poynton's pollinator population. To find out more about how you can get involved please email Sharon Duke, Communities Co-ordinator at Poynton Town Council Sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

Read the full article [here](#).



Images showing before, during and after the planting

Full reopening and hiring of the Civic Hall

With government restrictions due to lift on the 19th July, it is now time to book all those delayed parties, meetings and restart your hobby groups!

Did you know that you can hire a room to do all of this at Poynton Civic Hall?

We have six rooms to choose from depending on your reason for hire.

- **Main Hall with stage** (Normal capacity 250 theatre style or 180 in a table setting*) Ideal for children's parties, dance, theatre shows, band concerts, craft fairs, sports, exercise etc.
- **Bar** If you are hiring the main hall we have a manned bar that is available at an extra cost.
- **Red, Green & Blue Rooms** (Normal capacity 12 people boardroom style*) Ideal for your business meeting or hobby, activity, night class group.
- **Plum Room** (Normal capacity 4 people*) Ideal for counselling services or 1-1 meetings.
- **Council Chamber** (Normal capacity 25 boardroom style or 50 theatre style*) Ideal for larger meetings, interest talks, baby classes etc.

*Until 19th July 2021, social distancing as per government guidelines is currently in place so these capacities are currently reduced, please contact us for further information.

All rooms can be set up with tables and chairs to your desired configuration.

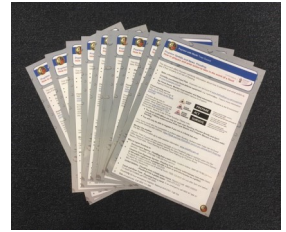
We have overhead projectors, whiteboards boards and free Wi-Fi available for use as part of your booking fee. With ample free parking, Poynton Civic Hall is the ideal location for your event, party, meeting, concert or even wedding reception.

For details, hire rates and availability please call Civic Hall reception on 01625 872238 or email kate.mcdowell@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk.



Flood awareness leaflets

Poynton Town Council in collaboration with the residents Flood Action Group, local Councillors and Cheshire Constabulary should have soon hand delivered a special Poynton Update and News leaflet on Flooding, '[How to prepare and what action to take in the event of a flood](#)' to all residents in Poynton.



The leaflet is part of an awareness raising campaign and offers information about how residents can prepare and what action to take if their property is at risk of flooding. The leaflet is not intended to indicate that your home is at risk of flooding, but does offer sources where you can find out more information.

Another Poynton Update and News leaflet on Flooding 'Be Aware. Prepare. Prevent. Protect' offers more in-depth information and can be found on Poynton Town Council's website https://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/Flooding_35283.aspx.

Poynton Town Council's role in planning applications

Cheshire East Council make the decisions regarding all planning applications. Poynton Town Council is only consulted by Cheshire East, in the same way as other residents. Poynton Town Council has a Planning and Environment Committee which reviews all planning applications which are submitted for Poynton. Using local knowledge, the Town Council will consider each application, including wider issues such as the potential to cause future flooding and will make recommendations to Cheshire East. Planning applications, including new housing developments, are determined by Cheshire East in the context of Government policies and requirements for housing, the Cheshire East Local Plan and the Poynton Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst Cheshire East must consider the views of consultees, they do not have to accept the recommendations made by the Town Council.

The planning laws require Cheshire East to decide ("determine") all planning applications within a set deadline after they are submitted. If Cheshire East do not issue a decision within this deadline, the applicants may appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. Recently, a number of planning appeals have been sent to the Planning Inspectorate on the basis of non-determination as they have not been decided by Cheshire East in the required time frame.

The Cheshire East Planning Department also investigates and may take enforcement action when a development does not comply with the planning consent. The Town Council has been concerned that Cheshire East Planning Department have not been sufficiently robust in undertaking enforcement where there has been an alleged breach of planning conditions.

The Town Council has written to Cheshire East expressing our concern in relation to these matters.

New Twinning signage

Poynton Town Council have recently replaced the wording on the Twinning signs around the Town to reflect that Poynton is twinned with both Érd and Haybes. To read more about Twinning Association Poynton see here.

https://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/Twinning_Association_Poynton_TAP_38437.aspx



Councillor surgery, Saturday 4th September

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.



Council Community Support Team (CCST) news

Car Insurance Scam

The CCST would like to make people aware of a new car insurance scam highlighted by Action Fraud. Please be aware of bogus insurance brokers offering fake insurance policies. Please see the attached bulletin for full details. <https://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/da/387634>

Football sessions in Barnaby Park

The Council Community Support Team in conjunction with Stockport County Community Trust and Cheshire police are extremely grateful to all the children that turned up at the very first football coaching session on Barnaby Park.

It has been so successful that the coaching team are adding a further pitch for the under 13's group. If you would like to attend FREE coaching sessions please come along on a Wednesday evening 6pm - 7pm.

Online loss, grief and bereavement support

The End of Life Partnership are running FREE sessions for anyone wanting to know more about how to support others through loss, grief and bereavement.

This one hour course is aimed at people who have recognised that someone they are supporting is affected by a bereavement. The session will give participants: an understanding of loss, bereavement, grief and mourning. Dates are:

Tuesday 27 July 2021, 14.00 – 15.00 and Wednesday 11 August 2021, 10.00 – 11.00

To attend the training you will need access to either a computer, laptop or iPad. You will need a microphone webcam for vision and compatible browser.

Link for further information and booking [An Introduction to Supporting Loss, Grief and Bereavement - The End of Life Partnership \(eolp.co.uk\)](#) Telephone 01270 310260.

Poynton Golden Memories has a new website

Poynton Golden Memories is pleased to launch their first website.

www.poyntongoldenmemories.org.uk. The Group runs voluntarily on a fortnightly basis on Wednesdays for Carers and loved ones who are affected by Dementia / Alzheimer's.

The Group has been working on this for a while and are grateful to all those individuals and organisations who have contributed photographs and articles. Please take a look - you may see some familiar faces.



Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Poynton Library is delighted that the Summer Reading Challenge is back in the library this summer! Organised by The Reading Agency in partnership with local libraries across the UK the theme this year is Wild World Heroes, a celebration of nature and action for the environment.

Come along to the library to sign up, then read library books of your choice to collect special stickers along the way – all for FREE! There is a certificate and a shiny medal (or medal sticker for under 3's) for everyone who finishes – that means that they will have read 6 books and visited the library 4 times.

The Summer Reading Challenge runs all the way through the summer until early September and aims to combat the dip that frequently occurs in children's reading during the long summer holidays by encouraging them into libraries.

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