



Poynton Update and News, 2nd March 2022

Poynton Town Council precept for 2022/2023

The Town Council sets an annual precept as part of the Council Tax to help pay for the many local services we provide. The Council has worked hard in difficult circumstances to keep the precept low and made savings wherever possible.

The Town Council's precept for 2022/23 is £521,067, an increase over the current year of £29,272 or 4.08% for a Band D home. The annual precept for a Band D home is £85.97 for the year, or £1.65 per week. We believe that this represents good value for money when measured against all the additional services in Poynton which are provided by the Town Council. These include:

- The Civic Hall, owned and maintained by the Town Council, is home to an increasing number of local voluntary organisations and clubs and needs maintenance and improvements. It is currently being used as a vaccine centre and has supported the delivery of over 30,000 vaccines.
- Co-ordinating the outside volunteers for every vaccine clinic held at the Civic Hall
- Providing every Poynton household with Poynton specific information about flooding and setting up a Flood Warden Scheme
- Purchasing and erecting the Christmas tree and Christmas lights
- Maintaining Hockley and Brecon Close play areas and carrying out regular inspections
- Management of the majority of Lady's and Prince's Inclines (between Woodside Lane and Towers Road) including tree management
- Providing CCTV monitoring through the Cheshire East control room and funding five cameras in the centre of Poynton
- Graffiti removal in public spaces
- The management of Coppice Road allotments
- Carrying out weekly checks on defibrillators owned by the Town Council
- Funding for the Citizens Advice service so that residents can access a face to face service at Poynton
- Assisting groups and volunteers, including financial support through grants, to provide support to Poynton's community during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Working with volunteers to understand better the needs of our business community and supporting the development of a Poynton businesses website which includes an online business directory of the businesses in the Town.
- Financial and operational support for community events including Christmas Fest and Remembrance Sunday
- Supporting voluntary and community organisations including Poynton in Bloom and Time out Café
- The Town Council acts as Poynton's voice on many issues, including the local bus service and defending the Green Belt and protecting the environment
- The Town Council currently employs three Community Support Officers who are a visible uniformed presence in Poynton. The number of officers will increase to four in 2022/2023. They provide an 'eyes and ears' service aimed at reducing the fear of crime for residents and improving their quality of life. Their remit includes dealing with environmental crime issues, such as littering, fly tipping and dog fouling and reducing incident of low level crime and antisocial behaviour. They also undertake community engagement providing talks to schools and independent living apartments. More recently the Community Support Officers have begun parking enforcement in the Town.

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- The Communities Co-ordinator promotes health and well-being initiatives for both older and younger people, working with voluntary groups and service providers to ensure Poynton is a strong and resilient community. Poynton is officially a dementia friendly town. Other work includes supporting the North East Cheshire Community Partnership and the scheme to hire out mobility scooters and wheelchairs.
- The Operations Manager and Village Ranger have a key role working with Cheshire East, pushing for road and footpath repairs, drain clearance and lighting improvements; dealing with residents' enquiries and litter problems; supporting the Pick and Tidy group; emptying bins and similar jobs maintaining Poynton's infrastructure.

Town Councillors receive no form of salary, attendance or other allowances and give freely of their time. Poynton Town Council's website is www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Thank you Middlewood Partnership and NHS

On Wednesday 16th February 2022, Poynton's Mayor unveiled a plaque to recognise the NHS staff and many former doctors and nurses who answered the call and came out of retirement to assist on the front line and dedicated many hours to vaccinate our residents.

Poynton's Mayor thanked the Middlewood Partnership, volunteers and the NHS for their wonderful work during the pandemic and in particular the vaccinations which were carried out at the Civic Hall.

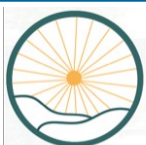
The Civic Hall was the hub of the vaccination drive for the Poynton, Disley and Bollington areas and those of you who had their jobs here will remember what a well run operation it was.

The Covid-19 vaccination programme team and volunteers gave a total of more than 24,000 1st and 2nd doses.

The Middlewood Partnership were one of a limited number of Cheshire GP practices who opted to participate in the booster programme, in order to ensure their patients were able to receive their vaccinations as close to home as possible. In all, more than 30,000 covid vaccinations have been given in the hall.

The Mayor also recognised the work carried out by the NHS support staff, without whose help all of this wouldn't have been possible. Many have worked extra hours in roles outside their normal duties, assisting with co-ordination and delivery of the vaccination programme as well as dealing with patient queries and organising of telephone and online appointments.

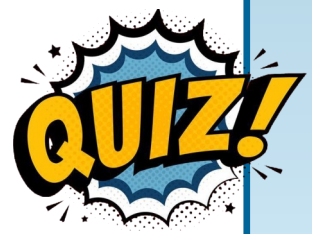
It was the Mayor's great pleasure to unveil this plaque which recognises the NHS staff and volunteers who dedicated many hours to vaccinate all those residents.



Poynton
Pedals
for All

Mayor's Fundraising Quiz & Raffle – 7.30pm Thursday 31st March, Poynton British Legion

In aid of the Mayor's chosen good cause, Poynton Pedals for All. Tickets are £10 per team of 4 and can be purchased from Poynton Civic Hall reception. For more information on the Mayor's fundraising visit <https://www.facebook.com/PoyntonMayor>



We want YOU to join our team!

Poynton Town Council have an employment opportunity available and we would love to hear from positive, community minded individuals who wish to join our team.



Join our
team!

Building Supervisor (Evenings and Weekends) Part time - Evenings & Weekends, NJC Spinal point 1-2 (£9.50 - £9.60 per hour) Full details here <https://bit.ly/3HzMxrv>

Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD) Update

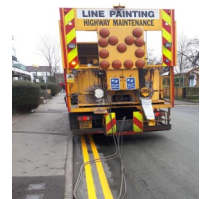
The Cheshire East Local Plan was approved in 2017, and a supporting document, the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD) has now been reviewed by a Planning Inspector. Among other issues, the SADPD considered if more land was needed for housing in the towns and villages of Cheshire East. Public hearings took place in autumn 2021.

The Planning Inspector has now published his post-hearing comments on key issues in the Cheshire East SADPD. The Town Council are pleased to report that the Inspector agreed that no additional land should be taken from the Green Belt to be used for housing or industrial sites. This was despite some local landowners and developers arguing at the enquiry that yet more building should be allowed in the Green Belt around Poynton. The revised draft SADPD should go for public consultation by the end of February 2022 .

The inspector's report can be found here <https://bit.ly/33Xsjdo>

Council Community Support Team (CCST) News

Have you noticed the newly re-instated yellow lines on Queensway, Poynton? The Council Community Support Team will be issuing penalty charge notices if cars continue to park on these lines. Please park considerately.



Reporting Hate Crime

Your Council Community Support Team are trained in taking initial reports of hate crime on behalf of Cheshire Police. The Civic Hall is a 3rd Party Reporting Centre and all reports are taken in complete confidence. Contact our team who are here to help. 01625 872238.

The CCST will be delivering a presentation on Hate Crime at the Poynton High School Student Development day on 9th March 2022.

Mental Health Support —The Weston Hub

ECHC has launched a new service from The Weston Hub and is a safe space to support people aged 18+ with their mental health. The Weston Hub will offer a crisis café service which provides a welcoming environment with experienced on-site staff members who can support individuals in crisis. ECHC provide emotional support, practical advice, signposting to appropriate services and access to a variety of structured skill building courses and social activities with other café users.



Address: The Weston Centre, Earlsway, Macclesfield, SK11 8RL Opening hours: 10am – 10pm. Monday to Sunday. Tel. 01625 440700 Website: www.echc.org.uk

For contact outside these hours or if you need urgent mental health support telephone 0800 145 6485. Open 24/7, calls are free.

Poynton Players are back and showing 'Handbagged' from 14th to 19th March at their happy little theatre by The Legion opposite St George's. Tickets are all under £10 with no booking fee if you order online at www.poyntonplayers.co.uk. You can also call 0333 666 3366 where a small fee applies.



The End Of Life Partnership are offering face-to face sessions available at Poynton Civic Hall on the following topics:



Thursday 10th March 2pm – 4pm – Planning care in advance

Thursday 17th March 2pm – 4pm – Confidence to care at the end of life

For more information about the sessions, please telephone 01270 310260.
To book a place, please telephone 01625 872238.

There are also free sessions to enable you to support others on the following topics. These courses will take place online via Teams. Find the online booking forms for each session below:

10th March 9:30 – 11am – Giving people the confidence to care at end of life

<https://eolp.co.uk/courses/confidence-to-care-at-end-of-life/>

22nd March 9:30 – 11am – Advance Care Planning (for Carer Organisations)

<https://eolp.co.uk/courses/how-to-plan-for-the-future-advance-care-planning/>

Pre-bereavement helpline

Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us. At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about. Facing the end of life can leave you isolated and alone.



Calls are free and confidential – Call us on 0808 801 0688

Being able to access support whilst a loved one is dying is really important for a number of reasons. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end and having a sense of 'preparedness' helps both the person dying and their family gain as much control as possible.

Visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more.

Twinning Association Poynton (TAP) update — Visit to Haybes in April 2022

At their own expense, six people from Poynton will visit Haybes, our twinned town in the Ardennes in north-east France, on 28th April until 3rd May. During this visit, they hope to visit schools in the area with a view to re-starting schools exchanges which had to be abandoned because of Covid. They will also be making contacts with many friends in Haybes – with whom they have kept in touch via Zoom. [Twinning Association Poynton](#).

March 2022

Sat 5 th	10 - 11.40am	Councillor Surgery, appointments call 01625 872238
Mon 7 th	8pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting
Mon 14 th	8pm	Planning & Environment Committee Meeting
Mon 21 st	8pm	Management & Establishment Committee Meeting
Mon 28 th	8pm	Community, Order & Public Safety Committee Meeting
Thurs 31 st	7.30pm	Mayor's Fundraising Quiz, see details above

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