



## Poynton Town Council Christmas opening hours

**Sat 23rd December: 9am - 12:30pm**

**Sun 24th - Tues 26th: Closed**

**Wed 27th Fri 29th: 9am - 5pm**

**Sat 30th: 9am - 12:30pm**

**Mon 1st Jan - Closed**

### Don't forget! Have your say about the proposed plans for Poynton Pool.

The planning application for the works at Poynton Pool has been registered by Cheshire East Council. Poynton Town Council voted unanimously to object to the proposed plans for works on the planned dam embankment works. You can read more at [poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](https://poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)

You can view details and submit your comments until the closure of the consultation on **10th January 2024**. To read more, follow the link: <https://bit.ly/46CPmVf>. Paper copies are available at Poynton Civic Hall.

Please also see Friends of Poynton Pool page and website ([poyntonpool.org](https://poyntonpool.org)) which includes information to help you write your objections. Please ask all members of your household, friends and neighbours to object and ask for a delay in the decision so alternative, less intrusive methods can be investigated.

### Strategic Leisure Review—have your say before the 7th January.

Cheshire East Council (CEC) launched a Strategic Leisure Review on the 23rd November (possible closure of Poynton Leisure Centre.) You now have until the 7th of January 2024 to respond to the consultation. You can respond either by completing the online survey <https://bit.ly/46C5Ehb> or by emailing [randc@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:randc@cheshireeast.gov.uk). Information on the Leisure Review can be found at [poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](https://poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Father Christmas says thank you!

The North Pole post box at the Civic Hall has been a huge success, with 111 children posting their letters to Father Christmas. The tree has been abundant with red envelopes, all full of replies from Santa! The box has now been collected by Elf Mail to be taken back to the North Pole.

We are told by the man himself that the top three gift requests from Poynton children were...

- 1) Cuddly toys
- 2) Dolls
- 3) Toy cars/vehicles

Families can collect their replies from Father Christmas at the Civic Hall until 12:30pm on Saturday 23rd of December.



## FREE Mental Health First Aid Training for parents and carers in Poynton.

**Poynton Civic Hall, 20th and 27th January, 9am—5pm.**

Just Drop-In are a small charity, based in Macclesfield and provide a range of early-help services for children, young people and their families who are struggling with their emotional wellbeing. The mental health first aid sessions are led by a qualified MHFA trainer from Just Drop-In.

The course is accredited and will give a understanding of the issues that relate to a young people's mental health and teach practical skills including being able to spot the signs and symptoms of mental health issues. Attendees will need to attend both sessions and will receive a copy of the MHFA manual which is a great source of information. For more information about the course or to enquire about booking a place, email; [parenting@justdropin.co.uk](mailto:parenting@justdropin.co.uk)

## Timid to Tiger Together

**Begins 31st Jan 2024**

Poynton Town Council and Poynton Rotary are pleased to support Just Drop-In to bring their Timid to Tiger Together programme to Poynton. This course supports both the parents/carers and their children aged 8 to 11 years who are struggling to manage anxiety. The 8 week programme helps parents with parenting style. Their children attend a group at the same time, learning about anxiety, ways of expressing themselves and thinking positively.

To find out more please or book a place please contact [parenting@justdropin.co.uk](mailto:parenting@justdropin.co.uk) or telephone 01625 665079.



## Message from National Trust at Lyme

To help plan for car free journeys, National Trust have partnered with Good Journey to share green travel routes and car free travel options to Lyme via bus, train, or bike. If you don't travel by car, you can enjoy 10% off your café order (terms and conditions apply).

The Good Journey website shows you how to get to the UK's best attractions and enjoy great discounts when you arrive car-free – head to <https://www.goodjourney.org.uk/attractions/lyme/> or visit their website to find out more <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cheshire-greater-manchester/lyme>



## Friday 5th January 2024 - Twelfth Night Dinner

The Twinning Association (TAP) is celebrating Twelfth Night at a dinner arranged for 7.00 pm on Friday 5th January at the Il Borgo Antico on Park Lane. Tickets are £19 a head for a two-course dinner, plus Galette des Rois will be served for dessert. All are welcome to join us for a dash of merriment in the heart of the dark mid-winter. Tickets are on sale at the Civic Hall reception desk.

# POYNTON *arts festival*



This year saw the first ever Poynton Arts Festival, a celebration of creative arts including theatre, music, comedy, singing and poetry, painting. The festival brought together a huge array of talent with over forty-two events taking place at twenty-two venues over an eight-day period and next year's festival promises to be even bigger, taking place from 22nd to the 29th June '24.

For its size, Poynton has a wide range of performance venues suitable for theatre productions including the 200-seat Civic Centre and the Centre which can seat around 100, both of which have stages and provision for theatre lighting and sound systems. The Working Men's Club (approx. 100 capacity) is also a regular performance venue and four of Poynton's Churches (The Baptists, PCF, the Methodists and St. Georges) each have flexible seating and sound systems, making them all very suitable venues for theatrical productions.

A number of theatre companies have already expressed interest in being part of Poynton Arts Festival '24. Please log onto <https://poyntonartsfestival.co.uk> to see images of some of the many events at this year's festival as well as details of all venues.

For more information please e-mail [info@poyntonartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@poyntonartsfestival.co.uk)



## December 2023/ January 2024

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| 5th Jan 2024     | TAP Twelfth Night Dinner   | Il Borgo Antico, 7pm  |
| 8th Jan          | Finance and General Purposes meeting<br>Planning and Environment meeting | 7pm, Poynton Civic Hall<br>8pm, Poynton Civic Hall  |
| 15th Jan         | Town Council meeting<br>Management and Establishment meeting             | 7pm, Poynton Civic Hall<br>8pm, Poynton Civic Hall  |
| 22nd Jan         | Community Order and Public Safety meeting                                | 8pm, Poynton Civic Hall   |
| 20th Jan         | Mental Health First aid training   | 9am-5pm, Poynton Civic Hall   |
| 27th Jan         | Mental Health First Aid training   | 9am—5pm, Poynton Civic Hall   |
| 31st Jan onwards | Timid to Tiger programme   | To find out more, contact<br><a href="mailto:parenting@justdropin.co.uk">parenting@justdropin.co.uk</a> |

