



## Poynton Update and News, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Cheshire East Council, Poynton Pool Spillway Improvements

Poynton Town Council have recently instructed an independent reservoir engineer to provide an opinion on the Spillway Improvements proposed by Cheshire East.

The engineer visited the site and met with representatives from the Town Council, Friends of Poynton Pool and the Flood Working Group and provided an initial report to the Town Council. Following receipt of the inspection reports and options papers from Cheshire East for the Pool, we have now asked the engineer to review these additional documents and provide a further opinion on the proposed works.

View the details on our website here. <https://bit.ly/3WbwkR1>

### Cheshire East residents need photo ID to vote at elections in May

For the first time, residents in Cheshire East will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections.

Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID.

Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online via the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk) or by completing a paper form.

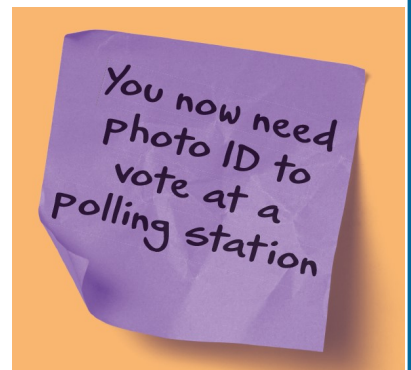
The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free ID, at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID).

If you need any help with applying for the free ID or want to request an application form, contact the electoral services team on 0300 123 5016 or email [voteridentification@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:voteridentification@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to register online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). Voters wishing to apply to their council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.

Eligible voters can, alternatively, vote by post. It's easy to apply and you can find out how by visiting the [Electoral Commission website](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk).

The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station, is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act, which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May.



### Welcome to Poynton

Poynton Town Council have produced a handy new leaflet, 'Welcome to Poynton'. It details useful information on local places to visit, AED locations, how to report problems and much more.

Take a look here <https://bit.ly/3HkX2Tg> or pop into the Civic Hall and collect a copy.



## Council Community Support Team (CCST) News

- Following complaints of illegal and inappropriate parking outside local schools at drop off and pick up times the CCST have been on patrol in these areas. Warnings and penalty charge notices will be issued to drivers who are found to be parking in contravention of restrictions in these areas. Please be mindful of the safety of children at these locations.
- The Council Community Support Team continue to deliver educational talks to local schools and will be delivering a talk on ASB to year 7 PHS pupils this January.
- The team have also been working closely with Age UK to promote scams awareness. <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/cheshireeast/our-services/scams-awareness/>
- Neighbourhood Watch have published their first newsletter of 2023. It covers articles on the new government emergency alerts system, how to prevent burglary and protect your friends from romance fraud, understanding 'secured by design', offers from Patlock and Avast, how to avoid Amazon scams, how to find a trusted locksmith and more. [Read the newsletter here](#)



## Tree Planting at Brecon Field

Poynton Town Council received overwhelming support from a consultation with local residents regarding plans to increase biodiversity in the Town Council owned areas of Brecon field.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November saw the planting of 180 saplings along the fence line that divides the children's play area and Brecon field.

The saplings were provided by the Woodland Trust and include the following species: Hawthorn, Hazel, Blackthorn, Silver Birch, Dog Rose, Dog Wood and Wild Cherry.

Waitrose have also kindly donated a Rowan tree which has been planted by the Brecon Close entrance of the play area.



## Local Volunteer Opportunities. A New Year! A new start?

Do you have some time to spare for doing something rewarding for our local community?

Why not take a look at Poynton Town Council's website where you can find out more information about local volunteer opportunities and organisations/groups can post details about their volunteer opportunities. Highlights include, Re-engage's Afternoon Tea Parties - why not become a tea party host, driver or tea-party co-ordinator for Poynton?

North East Cheshire Community Partnership (NECCP) are also looking for a secretary to help the group.

To register your volunteer opportunity use the easy online form at the bottom of the page.

[Volunteer opportunities.](#)

## Time to Talk – support for people with dementia and their carers

Just a reminder that Wednesday's Time to Talk sessions are back for the New Year. There are dates for sessions in Bollington, Disley and Poynton.

The next sessions at Poynton Civic Hall are on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1pm – 2.30pm. <https://bit.ly/3Gmq0GC>

For more dementia support:

<https://middlewoodpartnership.co.uk/dementia/>

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/living-independently/living-with-dementia.aspx>



## Warm Places in Poynton

Warm Places provide a warm welcome where everyone is treated equally with dignity and respect. They offer a safe place, confidentiality and don't judge.

Poynton Baptist Church, Poynton Methodist Church and Poynton Library are all offering Warm Places this winter. Check out the details [here](https://bit.ly/3GRFNIV). <https://bit.ly/3GRFNIV>



## Poynton Arts Festival Logo – We have a winner!

Well done to Katy Spragg, a year 8 student from Poynton High School for submitting her logo for the Poynton Arts Festival.

We think you'll agree it has a really nice balance between combining different arts, the festival name, bright colours and has a nod to the Poynton Town Council crest.

The Festival organisers would like to thank all children and young people who took the time to enter their lovely designs for the competition.

Watch this space to see the logo appearing on banners and Festival media in the spring time. See details of Poynton Festival here <https://bit.ly/3FBXhYE>



## Poynton Civic Hall, Connected Communities Centre

Poynton Town Council has been successful in renewing its status as one of Cheshire East Council's Connected Communities Centres (CCC) for another two years. Visitors to the Civic Hall can access to a wide range of services, information and facilities and has recently undergone significant refurbishment offering improved facilities for hirers including a new kitchen, IT, air conditioning, etc.

Being a CCC we are able to support the community even more by offering subsidised short-term room hire for **new** groups or organisations who would like to support Poynton's community. If you would like to discuss this please contact Poynton Town Council's Communities Co-ordinator, Sharon Duke on [Sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk) or telephone 01625 872238.



## Councillor Surgery, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Do you have questions about Poynton that you would like to discuss?

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

## East Cheshire Hospice Christmas Tree Collection

Save all that mess in your car by having your Christmas tree collected in return for a donation. Book in on <https://www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk/support/echtrees/>

### January 2023

Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 11.40am	Councillor Surgery, appointments call 01625 872238
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Community, Order & public Safety Committee Meeting
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8pm	Management & Establishment Committee Meeting
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	8-11pm	Poynton Ceilidh at Poynton Civic Hall. For more information and advance booking contact <a href="http://www.poyntonceilidh.co.uk">www.poyntonceilidh.co.uk</a>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Planning & Environment Committee Meeting

Haf Barlow, Town Clerk

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# DANCE SESSIONS

Every Friday evening 6.30-7.30pm at  
Poynton Civic Hall.

If you are aged between 8 and 15 years old  
come along and join in the fun.

No need to book, just turn up!

For further information contact 01625 872238  
[reception@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:reception@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)

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## Dance yourself dizzy!

Poynton youth engagement provided by trained dance instructors in  
conjunction with Poynton Town Council and Cheshire East Council