



Poynton Update and News, 20th July 2022

Civic Award Winners 2022

The Town Council would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2022 Civic Service Awards, which were presented by the Town Mayor, Cllr Hayley Whitaker, at the Civic Reception on Sunday 10th July 2022. This followed the Civic Service held at St George's Church. Four members of Poynton Footpaths Group were not able to attend the ceremony and so will be presented with their award on a future occasion.



The **Civic Service Awards** were presented in recognition of a sustained and significant contribution to the community to:

Rosa Archer: Rosa has been Welfare Officer at Poynton Dippers for nearly 7 years, and over that time has made a significant and sustained contribution to the club and therefore the local community. Rosa takes time to listen, assess and take appropriate actions, whilst remaining calm and engaged for the positive welfare of everyone.

Eddie Griffin: As a member of the Heritage Garden Group, Eddie has taken an interest in Poynton's open spaces. For a number of years helping to design, build and maintain the Heritage Garden throughout the year. Additionally, colourful displays around the Town bring a smile to residents and visitors alike.

Helena Magnanini-White: For her involvement and support with 1st Poynton Rainbows and Poynton Rangers. Helena spends a lot of her time organising activities for both groups.

Stewart Riley: Stewart can be seen around Poynton collecting litter and making the area tidy. His efforts maintain a spirit of community pride and keep Poynton a nice place to live.

Rosemary Spencer: Rosemary has been granted a Civic Award for her various volunteering roles around our Town including her support with, St George's bell ringing, AGE UK, Mary Sunley, the National Trust, Riding for the Disabled and Open Hands.



Poynton Footpaths Group: 11 members of this group undertake footpath improvements throughout the Town. Over the last 18 months they have significantly improved accessibility for all by making paths usable 365 days a year. They are a fantastic resource and have improved access to the countryside, improving wellbeing for residents. Members of the group are named as Charles Gorst, John McClean, Steve Miall, Michael Woodrow, John Floyd, Keith Fitton, Steve Johnson, Gary Woodrow, Brian Meredith, Chris Moores and David Warr.

The **Youth Civic Awards** are awarded to under 18's 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 to:

Lucy Bell: Lucy has been volunteering at 1st Poynton Rainbows for a few years. She gives up her own time to go to weekly meetings, days out and Rainbow sleepovers. Several younger volunteers look up to Lucy as a good role model.

Car parking in Poynton

Since Waitrose commenced parking warnings earlier this year the Town Council has been contacted by both residents and businesses concerned about the impact the warnings are having. The Town Council undertook two separate surveys in June (one for businesses and one for residents). We received 589 responses from the residents survey and 57 businesses responded.

Just under half of all residents (288) reported that they visited the Town Centre between 2-4 times a week. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday were the most popular days to visit and most people stayed between 1-2 hours. 37% of people stayed longer than 2 hours. 63% of respondents stated that they had abandoned a trip because they were unable to park and 47% of people stated that they had altered the number of times of the duration of the visit because they were concerned about receiving a fine. 56% of people stated that they did not support Waitrose enforcing the short stay area of the car park and just over 20% were undecided if they supported the measure.

The business survey identified that some businesses had their own limited parking for staff and also some parking for customers. 59% of businesses reported that their staff had difficulty parking and 63% said that customers had reported difficulties parking. 40% of the businesses believed that the parking warnings had impacted their businesses and a further 15% were unsure at present whether the warnings had impacted their businesses.

The Town Council has written to Waitrose with the results of the survey and have requested a meeting to discuss the parking situation. We have a number of ideas that we would like to explore with Waitrose to try to minimise the impact on residents and businesses. In addition, an invitation will be sent to all business over the coming weeks to attend a meeting with the Town Council at the Civic Hall to see what other actions can be taken.

Air Quality Update

Poynton Town Council believes that Air Quality is a matter of vital importance. However, Cheshire East Council now maintains only one air quality measuring site in Poynton. The Town Council believes this is totally inadequate, so is also funding additional air quality measurements at five sites near busy roads, including London Road North and South, Fountain Place and Chester Road.

The main air pollutant is Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂). The Air Quality Standards Regulations require that the annual mean concentration of NO₂ must not exceed 40 µg/m³.

The Town Council is pleased to report that all six of the air quality monitoring sites in Poynton show NO₂ levels are currently below the limit. We hope these will drop further when the Poynton Relief Road opens, removing traffic from the centre of the village. The increased use of electric cars will also reduce air pollution more generally. However, extra traffic from the new housing estates approved by Cheshire East (and opposed by the Town Council, in part because of the impact on air quality) may increase pollution levels.

The Town Council will continue monitoring local air quality to ensure pollution levels remain below the legal limit.



Planning Applications in the Town

The Town Council is a consultee on planning applications in the Town and the Planning & Environment Committee examine and comment on planning applications on behalf of the Town Council. We also highlight applications which may be of interest to residents. The Planning Committee recently discussed a planning application made by Jones Homes at Wainwright Caravans, Lower Park Road, Poynton to demolish 3 workshop building and replace with a single workshop building. Information on the application and the Town Council's comments can be found at <https://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=22/2395M&query=83d22bf4-7705-4266-afe9-91cee0e74625>

Help our hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are in serious decline and are in need of our help. Hogs need to roam around a mile every night to get the food they need to survive, so creating Hedgehog Highways between gardens is an easy way to help them get around more safely as they are foraging.

Poynton Town Council are encouraging residents to create Hedgehog Highways and have a limited number of surrounds (as pictured right) available to buy at cost price of £3 at Poynton Civic Hall, along with more information about how you can help our hogs.

Use the surrounds as a template to create an ideal-sized gap in the bottom of a wooden fence. The surround creates a smooth finish as well as a talking point! These also make great presents for neighbours, family and friends who also might want to encourage hedgehogs into their garden.

For more information on how to help hedgehogs visit www.hedgehogstreet.org or <https://hedgehogsrus.co.uk/>



Cheshire East Crowd. Got an idea for your local area? Pitch your project by 14th September 2022.

Cheshire East Council is about to launch the next round of the Cheshire East Crowd, the crowdfunding platform on Spacehive, empowering people to create projects that will make a positive difference in their community.



Spacehive is a funding platform for ideas that bring local places to life: everything from sprucing up the park, or improving a playground, to starting a street market. If you create a page for your project idea it will be matched to funds from councils, foundations and companies that might want to help.

Following the success of the first two rounds of the Cheshire East council's crowdfunding platform, which has seen the council pledge almost £79,000 to community projects across the borough, the next round is now open for new project pitches. Pitch your project by 14th September 2022.

The crowdfunding platform, set up in partnership with Spacehive, provides an opportunity for local people to create projects on the platform and run crowdfunding campaigns to bring them to life. <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/ce> <https://www.spacehive.com/create>

Councillor Surgery, Saturday 3rd September 2022

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

Your chance to meet your local Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor and Council Community Support Supervisor 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.



Council Community Support Team News

The free youth dance classes have been a great success and will continue to run throughout the school summer holiday break, every Friday 6.30-7.30pm at the Civic Hall (with the exception of Friday 29th July). <https://bit.ly/3B1ergz>

The free youth football sessions will also continue on a Wednesday evening at Barnaby Field 6-7pm. <https://bit.ly/3zehOiQ>

In recent weeks the CCST have delivered a talk to Mini V's (Vernon Primary School) on Road Safety and have escorted children to and from the library, this week they have run sessions at Poynton High School's Student Development Day. The Team also had the pleasure of attending the 'Love Poynton Festival' where everyone involved appeared to be having a great time!

Jobs and volunteering opportunities

Have you any volunteering or job opportunities that you'd like to share with local people?

Why not share your volunteering opportunities here http://poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/Volunteers_35338.aspx

If you own a local business, why not post your local job opportunities on the Poynton 4 Business website <https://www.poynton4business.co.uk> It's also a place where you can find a directory of local businesses.

New team member appointed

Poynton Town Council welcomes Ian Cooper as a Building Supervisor at the Civic Hall. The rest of the team are delighted that Ian has joined the team and look forward to working with him.

Twinning Association Poynton

The Twinning Association of Poynton (TAP) have adopted two of the five planters outside the retail premises adjacent to Aldi.

All five have been neglected for some time, which was felt to be a shame, given that they border one of the main roads into Poynton. Volunteers from TAP have now given two of the planters a much needed colourful makeover.



September 2022

Sat 3 rd	10 - 11.40am	Councillor Surgery, appointments call 01625 872238
Mon 5 th	8pm	Planning & Environment Committee Meeting
Mon 12 th	8pm	Town Council Meeting
Mon 19 th	8pm	Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee Meeting
Mon 26 th	8pm	Planning & Environment Committee Meeting

Haf Barlow, Town Clerk

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