



## Poynton Update and News, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022



### Remembrance Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### Lest we forget...

A reminder to all Poynton residents, visitors, local societies, and voluntary organisations that this year's **Remembrance Day Parade and Service** is on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. The parade, accompanied by the Vernon Building Society Poynton Brass Band, will leave the Civic Centre car park at 9.35am sharp, followed by the service at 10am and the Act of Remembrance at 11am at St George's Church. As is customary, wreaths and poppies will be placed on and around the war memorial after the service.

Anyone serving in the armed forces with a Poynton connection who is home on leave is invited to join the parade in the ranks of the British Legion, in or out of uniform. If you would like the name of a serving or retired member of the armed forces to be included in the church service or for any queries, please speak to the Town Clerk on 01625 872238, or call in at the Civic Hall.

Please note that the roads will be closed to traffic to allow the parade along Park Lane, across Fountain Place to St George's Church. This will be approx 9.40am, 11am for the Act of Remembrance and to return at approx 11.15am.

#### Poynton Remembers

The 'Poppy Squad' - a small group of local volunteers, have once again supported Poynton Town Council staff and Poynton Town Mayor Cllr Hayley Whitaker in putting up Poynton's poppies. The poppies were made and donated by Men in Sheds a few years ago and continue to provide a sign of respect to our fallen heroes.

Men in Sheds also created 'John Henry', Poynton's lifesize silhouette soldier, which you can see in the Civic Hall reception, from where you can also buy a Poppy Appeal poppy.

Poynton WI have also adorned the lychgate with poppies at St George's Church. We think it looks beautiful and on behalf of the Town we say 'thank-you'.



### Christmas Fest. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Poynton Town Council is pleased to provide funding of £1,000 for Poynton Christmas Fest which is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm – 9pm and supporting volunteers from Projects for Poynton to deliver the event.

The volunteers work very hard to make the event happen for the benefit of the community. It is also an opportunity for local community groups and businesses to celebrate the start of the festive season.

The organisers are encouraging people to walk to the event as parking spaces are limited. <https://www.facebook.com/poyntonchristmasfest>



## Cheshire East Poynton Pool Spillway Improvements Consultation

Poynton Town Council arranged for representatives of Cheshire East Council to attend a public meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Over 150 residents attended and had the opportunity to express their views, find out more and ask questions on the plans.

There were a number of questions Cheshire East could not answer on the night and advised they would be answered before the Town Council met to agree their response on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Poynton Town Council received the Cheshire East responses at 4pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> October just before residents attended the Town Council meeting at 8pm to observe the Councillor's deliberations. Their official Town Council response was published on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 and submitted to Cheshire East on the same day.

Poynton Town Council also submitted their opinion to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Application - [22/4001S](#). The Town Council also agreed to fund a second opinion from a reservoir engineer and has worked with Friends of Poynton Pool to instruct a suitable engineer.

All of the documents mentioned above can be viewed on our website. <https://bit.ly/3NJMCxx>

Next Steps: Poynton Town Council await the results of the consultation from Cheshire East and the pending screening planning application. The opinion of the second reservoir engineer will be reported in due course.

## Poynton Relief Road

GRAHAM have informed Poynton Town Council that there will be closure of the A523 London Road and Street Lane at its junction with the A523 London Road.

The closures are required to enable final surfacing and white lining works, which means some disturbance for local residents and businesses is unavoidable. GRAHAM would like to apologise in advance for any disturbance caused.

### Important information about road closures

Street Lane will be closed 24-hours a day at its junction with the A523 London Road, from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November for approximately 4 weeks.**

The A523 London Road will be closed overnight between the hours of 8.00 pm and 6.00 am from the Adlington Business Park and just beyond the new Adlington roundabout, from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December for approximately 3 weeks.**

A signed diversion route will be in place for the duration of the closures and access will be maintained for non-motorists, businesses and for residents living within the closure on London Road. Please note all works are subject to weather conditions. <https://bit.ly/3T67sZ2>

## Council Community Support Team News

The Free MTB/BMX activity day at Brecon Park was a great success.

Thank you to everyone who attended this event last week, we are glad you had a fantastic time. Poynton Town Council would like to thank [Dirt Factory - Indoor Bike Park](#) and Cheshire East Safer Spaces for helping to run this event.



## INSPIRE! Children and young peoples' mental health and wellbeing service

Inspire, hosted by Wellbeing Enterprises is now available in East Cheshire for children aged 10-18 years old with mild to moderate mental health needs. Call 01928 589 799 or visit them online

[www.wellbeingenterprises.org.uk](http://www.wellbeingenterprises.org.uk)



## Energy grants

Citizens Advice have produced information on support and grants to help households who are struggling to pay their bills. See their website for more information. <https://bit.ly/3Vv1pzA>

The following energy suppliers offer grants to their customers:

- British Gas Energy Support Fund
- Scottish Power Hardship Fund
- Ovo Energy Fund
- E.ON Energy Fund
- E.ON Next Energy Fund
- EDF Energy Customer Support Fund
- Bulb Energy Fund
- Octopus Octo Assist Fund
- Shell Energy Support Fund

Check if you can get a grant from the British Gas Energy Trust – They may support customers with grants who are NOT registered with British gas.

## EOLP (End of life partnership) support sessions for carers

Caring for people as they near the end of life is a huge responsibility. And making sure that care is personalised and compassionate and reflects a person's wishes can be hard. It can also be hard to make time to care for yourself.



Community  
Support  
Sessions

EOLP aim to ease that experience and improve the quality of care for people as they approach the end of life and also to support the people caring for them.

**An introduction to supporting Loss, Grief and Bereavement**, Wednesday 7th December. 10.00 – 11.00am. Online via Microsoft Teams <https://eolp.co.uk/.../an-introduction-to-supporting.../...>

To book visit [www.eolp.org.uk](http://www.eolp.org.uk), email [info@eolp.org.uk](mailto:info@eolp.org.uk) or call 01270 310260.

View the full poster here <https://bit.ly/3VtVsTE>

## Volunteering opportunities

Reengage supports older people by providing social connections in a number of ways. Tea parties provide a lifeline of friendship for people who are aged 75 and over, and the regular, warm, friendly chats and companionship provide a vital link with the outside world from which they have become isolated.



A variety of roles are required to make the tea parties happen including volunteer drivers, co-ordinator and hosts. If you are interested in any of these opportunities are for you here's some brief information, but there are more details on Reengage's website <https://www.reengage.org.uk/volunteer/new-volunteers/become-a-tea-party-volunteer/>

**Volunteer hosts:** Hosts' will invite a small group of older people to their home, which will have a downstairs toilet and not more than a few steps up to the property, and provide an afternoon tea and refreshments for the group which in total is between four and twelve people.

**Volunteer drivers:** So group members don't need to worry about transport, guests are collected from their home by a volunteer driver, who accompanies them to the event and makes sure they get home safely at the end. Where possible the same driver accompanies the same guest each month so that you get to know guests well.

**Volunteer co-ordinator:** This role is key to the running of a tea party group. It requires planning and scheduling skills to ensure older guests know when and where the next tea party will be held and who will be collecting them each month. You must be comfortable organising monthly events with volunteer hosts, socialising, communicating with people and resolving issues that might arise.

All drivers are DBS checked and volunteers are fully vetted. To find out more information or apply for any of the roles see the website below. <https://www.reengage.org.uk/volunteer/new-volunteers/apply/>



## A Message from Middlewood Partnership

"From 1st December 2022, there will be a new way of contacting us online. We will be replacing askmyGP with an online consultation system called PATCHS which has lots of extra features that will benefit you and us. You can find out more about PATCHS on our new [PATCHS information page](#).

Once we go live on Thursday 1st December, when you request an appointment through our website, you'll be directed to PATCHS instead of askmyGP (askmyGP will no longer be available from this date). The first time you are directed to PATCHS, you will need to register for an account (a very simple process needing your email address and a self-selected password – you can use the one you use for askmyGP if you like).

If you think you might need help to register, we're running drop-in sessions as follows:  
**Poynton Library** Tuesday 22nd November, 4-6pm & Friday 25th November, 10am-12pm

Just drop in if you would like some help." Read the latest newsletter here <https://bit.ly/3Upk6Ur>



## Open Hands need your help

Open Hands arranges transport for the elderly and vulnerable to attend medical appointments in Poynton and the surrounding area. To meet the high demand they need more volunteer drivers. If you are able to spare some time to help please email [admin@open-hands.org.uk](mailto:admin@open-hands.org.uk) or phone 01625 878589 for more information.



## Help our hedgehogs

Although our hedgehogs are now in hibernation, when they wake up in the springtime they will be on the hunt for food. 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) 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 make great little Christmas gifts 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](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org) or <https://hedgehogsrus.co.uk/>



## Councillor Surgery, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

Do you have questions about Poynton that you would like to discuss? Your chance to meet one of your local Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor and the Council Operations Manager 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.

## Middlewood House - A Christmas Social

Middlewood House, the community hub for Higher Poynton, will be opening its doors from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 3rd December for a Christmas Social. Free entry, refreshments served, all welcome. (Middlewood House is on Prince Road, off Carleton Road, SK12 1TW, and is also easily accessed from the Middlewood Way).



## Twining Association Poynton Update

After years of neglect, the Twining Association (TAP) has adopted the large plant troughs which stand outside Aldi and the row of shops on London Road South.

Initially, two troughs were planted with red, white and blue flowers for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. However, with contributions from Aldi, Poynton Gardeners Club and members of the public, this has now been extended with TAP restoring eight of the nine troughs, and Poynton Beavers responsible for the upkeep of the ninth. Gold and purple flowers have been chosen to reflect the theme of the Kings coronation in 2023.

Support is now needed to maintain the plants. If you feel you are able to offer help in looking after a trough please contact the Secretary: Glenys Parry-Jones at [gpj.coppice@gmail.com](mailto:gpj.coppice@gmail.com)

## Shakespeare comes to Poynton! Twelfth Night (or Whatever) by William Shakespeare

Local Poyntonian Peter Lancaster has made Shakespeare accessible, fun, and exciting for all. It runs from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in that little gem of a theatre on St George's Road opposite the Church and by the Legion. The play has shipwreck, storm, cross dressing, misplaced love, disguise, and fantasy. Oh, and don't forget the songs! This is a first for Poynton Players and guaranteed to make you cry with laughter and cry with sympathy at the predicaments of the characters. This production is for everyone, both fans of Shakespeare and those who have never seen one of his plays before. Who knew that the bard could be so saucy!?

Tickets are available for just £10.40, through [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) and by phone on 0333 666 3366. All performances start at 7.45pm.

## Physiotherapist Led Pilates for beginners, improvers and pregnancy on Monday evenings from January 2023 at the Civic Hall.

Pregnancy 6-6.45pm. Beginners and Improvers 7-7.45pm Advance bookings only.  
Email [caroline@pilateswithcaroline.co.uk](mailto:caroline@pilateswithcaroline.co.uk)

### November 2022

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Facilities, Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee Meeting
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Planning & Environment Committee Meeting

### December 2022

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 - 11.40am	Councillor Surgery, appointments call 01625 872238
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 9pm	Christmas Fest, Park Lane. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/poyntonchristmasfest">https://www.facebook.com/poyntonchristmasfest</a>
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Poynton Royal British Legion Family Christmas concert, at the Civic Hall. Adults £12.00 under 16s accompanied by an adult free book in advance by phoning 01625 876865 or email <a href="mailto:poyntonrblband@gmail.com">poyntonrblband@gmail.com</a>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Town Council Meeting
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Vernon Building Society (Poynton) Brass Band Christmas Concert, Poynton Civic Hall. Tickets available at the branch or on the door. Adults £10.00, concessions £8.00, under 16 free.
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Planning & Environment Committee Meeting

Haf Barlow, Town Clerk

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