



Poynton Update and News, 16th September 2021



The 391/392 Bus service needs your help!

The Town is currently served by the 391 and 392 bus service between Stockport and Macclesfield. It provides an important lifeline to residents who do not have cars, giving access to the town centre, it's shops and facilities.

The Town Council is concerned that low usage of the service could lead to Cheshire East reducing or even withdrawing the bus service in the future and we would urge residents to make as much use of the service as possible.

Cheshire East are currently in the bottom 5 local authorities for the amount of people using buses and they are currently engaging with town and parish council's as part of it's response to the National Bus Strategy.

We are in real danger of losing these buses and the Town Council want to help you keep the service. However, if numbers using it don't increase, it will be lost.

A copy of the bus timetable is available from the Civic Hall or can be viewed on Poynton Town Council's website. https://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/Transport_35280.aspx

**USE IT OR
LOSE IT!**

Have your say on your community governance

Cheshire East is holding a 12-week consultation on proposals for the governance arrangements for town and parish councils in the borough.

This is part of a borough-wide review, as Cheshire East is responsible for the governance and electoral arrangements for the borough's 186 town and parish council wards.

The review looks at a range of issues, including town and parish boundaries, numbers of town and parish councillors, grouping of parishes and warding. The consultation provides people with an opportunity to comment and make the case for alternative proposals to those recommended.

The public consultation runs from **6th September to 28th November**. To take part visit: <https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/CGReview2/>

Paper copies of the consultation can also be obtained from local libraries.

Time Out Café returns, 17th September, 2- 4pm

The Time Out Café for Poynton Seniors will re-start at Poynton Civic Hall on Friday 17th September.

The café is run by volunteers who provide a warm and friendly welcome, refreshments and a chat. The volunteers also provide activities such as a game of bingo, dominoes or colouring activity, although if you simply want to socialise with others in a friendly environment, that's perfectly fine!

The volunteers aren't able to take responsibility for those attending the café. If you or a loved one attending the café require any support, please bring a friend or carer who is able to offer the support needed.

A small donation of £1 to cover the cost of tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Full details can be found on the Poynton Town Council website [here](#).



GP partnership uses new video to highlight benefits of its merger-led transformation



Middlewood Partnership, has launched a video to explain how patients in East Cheshire are benefiting from its organisational merger.

The Middlewood Partnership was formed in April 2019 when four independent practices in Bollington, Disley and Poynton decided to formalise their loose, collaborative working arrangements by formally merging.

The video, 'General Practice Redefined' explains how the merger has enabled new ways of working to transform services for patients. These improvements include a multi-disciplinary health team providing specialist skills, much closer working with local community and social care partners and a strong focus on personalised care and continuity of care.

To watch the video and find out more about Middlewood's transformation story, including the benefits, click <https://bit.ly/3ChX4Fz>

Mental Health

Over 5,500 residents in our area have made contact with their GP about their poor mental health. At a recent meeting of Poynton community groups and services called 'Poynton Together', poor mental health was raised as a concern. Volunteers from Poynton Area Community Partnership (PACP) have produced a contact sheet with details of local support services and organisations around issues which affect mental health such as social isolation, debt and money problems and domestic abuse.

Download the support services sheet On the Poynton Town Council website [here](#).

Mentell, a local charity, commissioned by Cheshire East Council provides circles for men aged 18+ to talk in a safe and confidential space, free from advice and judgement. Find a circle here <https://www.mentell.org.uk/learn/online-circles>. They also have a number of campaigns that you can support: Turn Your Bar/Barber or Business Blue. View their website <https://www.mentell.org.uk/>

The 12th Man Campaign has a very different approach and offers free Mental Health First Aid training to communities. This provides an invisible support network giving people the skills and knowledge to talk about mental health with their friends and colleagues on a daily basis, so they don't need to go to a different group. <https://12th-man.org.uk/>



Poynton Area Community Partnership (PACP) Volunteer opportunity – Treasurer

An exciting opportunity is available for someone who is keen to support their local community.

The Poynton Area Community Partnership is part of a wider network of partnerships across Cheshire East, and is an independent group made up of like-minded volunteers who understand and represent the interests of Poynton, Adlington, Bollington, Disley, Mottram St Andrew, Prestbury, Kettleshulme, Rainow and Pott Shrigley. Cheshire East Council is also represented.

At their next AGM, PACP are looking for a new Treasurer. The role involves liaising between PACP's funding committee, and project leaders who have been successful in securing a grant from PACP, and managing the PACP accounts.

PACP works together to make Poynton and the parishes listed above attractive places where people want to visit, live, work and spend their leisure time. PACP's vision is to make its residents and neighbourhoods better connected, to promote a strong sense of place by supporting civic pride projects, to promote health and wellbeing, and work to reduce social isolation. In the wake of Covid-19, PACP also seeks to address the growing issue of mental health, particularly among young males.

If you are interested in the role, please contact Cllr. Robert Hughes, Chair of Poynton Area Community Partnership on cldr.hughes@mottramstandrewpc.org.uk



Healthwatch Across Cheshire, September- November

Healthwatch Across Cheshire will be taking a Healthwatch van and engagement stands across Cheshire over a 9-week period, from 20th September to 19th November 2021, to hear about your health and wellbeing, your views and experiences of health and care, and to share key information about health and care services, as part of Healthwatch Across Cheshire.

See full details at <https://healthwatchcheshireeast.org.uk/healthwatch-across-cheshire/>

Council Community Support Team (CCST) news

Parking Enforcement

From 7th September 2021 the Team began enforcing 'on road' parking restrictions in the Poynton area. This includes restrictions on waiting, loading and unloading at specific times and illegal parking within restricted and designated areas. Vehicles found parked in contravention of parking restrictions a Penalty Charge Notice may be issued under the Traffic Management Act 2004. Fines associated with Penalty Charge Notices are set at £50 and £70.

Please be aware of the parking restrictions.



Council Community Support Team Surgery -Thursday 30th September, 10am-12pm

The Council Community Support Team are happy to inform residents of Poynton that the next Community Support Team Surgery will be taking place at the 'Acoustic Lounge' on Park Lane, on Thursday 30th September, 10am – 12.00 midday. Feel free to go along and meet the Team.

Stockport County Youth Engagement Football Coaching, new dates and change of venue

Poynton Town Council's Community Support Team in conjunction with Stockport County and Cheshire East are extremely excited to announce new winter dates for the Poynton Youth Engagement Sessions.

Stockport Community Trust will be providing **FREE** football coaching for young people aged 10-17yrs. The 1st of the weekly sessions is **Wednesday 6th October, 6pm-7pm at Poynton Sports Club.**

Please email communitytrust@stockportcounty.com for more details.

Councillor surgery, Saturday 2nd October

Your chance to meet your local Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor and Council Community Support Officer to raise any issues about Poynton.

Drop-in at Poynton Civic Hall from 10am to 11am or make an appointment for 11am, 11.20am or 11.40am on 01625 872238.

Poynton Relief Road

See the latest Newsletter and Notification Letters detailing piling works on Chester Road and Notification Letter2 detailing junction improvement work at Bonis Hall Lane.

<https://www.graham.co.uk/poynton-relief-road> (Scroll to bottom of Relief Road page)



Poynton u3a open event, Poynton Relief Road —Tuesday 5th October, 10am Poynton Civic Hall

Join Poynton u3a for a presentation from the contractors about the building of the relief road, followed by an opportunity for you to ask questions about the construction of the road, progress being made, access for cyclists and walkers, reinstatement of Public Rights of Way – or anything else related to it. We hope to link this to ways in which Poynton can move forwards from the pandemic. We want to make Poynton the best it can be for our residents.

There will be no charge for this event, bring along neighbours, friends and family – they do not have to be u3a members. There will also be free tea, coffee and biscuits! Use this event as a way to meet up in a social context.

[Poynton Relief Road - Graham](#) or for more information email: enquiries@poyntonu3a.org.uk



Poynton Pedals for All

Poynton Pedals for All is a group of British Cycling Breeze ladies who have set up a project to buy adaptive bikes for the Poynton and Area community to borrow, enabling inclusive cycling on the Middlewood Way.

We have just bought our first adaptive bike! Thanks to the amazing generosity of Poynton residents and our successful grant applications, we have been able to order a wheelchair bike, which will allow those using wheelchairs to enjoy a ride along the Middlewood Way. It should arrive in November and be ready for you to borrow then!

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PoyntonPedalsforAll/>

Email PoyntonPedalsforAll@gmail.com



Poynton Library Events

Lego Club - Wednesday 6th October 3.30pm – 4.30pm

1st Wednesday of the month – Free and no need to book.

Book Chat -Tuesday 12th October 2pm

Our informal monthly book group is back. What books got you through lockdown? Come and share your favourites with the group and get new ideas. New members welcome.

Futures WonderLab Workshop Lego Challenge - Monday 25th October 10am

Transform travel in towns and cities so that there is no noise pollution from engines. Free, but must be booked in advance.

Haf Barlow, Town Clerk

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