



Civic Award winners 2023

The Town Council would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2023 Civic Awards, which were presented by the Town Mayor, Cllr Patrick Bailey at the Civic Reception on Sunday 17th September 2023.

This followed the Civic Service held at St George's Church.



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

Joan Stepto and Jo Leach, for their work in setting up the U3A in Poynton in 2010. Only 12 people attended the initial informal meeting but by 2019 the U3A had a total of 520 members about 10% of the third age people in Poynton. Despite the challenges of Covid, the organisation has survived and member numbers are climbing again. This would not have been possible without Joan and Jo, the initial founders.

Gill Freeman, is a volunteer first responder with North West ambulance service (NWAS). As well as providing First Aid training and correct use of defibrillators in her spare time, Gill volunteers 32 hours a month cover in supporting the NWAS. She has provided first aid response to the community for the past 5 years. Her nominator said she is a lovely, kind, gentle person and an inspiration to others and worthy of this award.

Lynette Bowden, for her volunteering at Vernon Primary School. Lynette has helped in class, joined the PTA Committee and served as Chair for 3 years and has become a school governor. Although her daughter has left school she has continued to support the school as a governor and volunteering in the classroom.

Kath Shaw for her fundraising activities above and beyond her role as Community Champion at Morrisons in Poynton. In her spare time and using her own resources she knits festive characters, organises raffles and sponsored walks to raise money for good causes.

Judy Hatton, for her dedication and leadership running the Poynton Golden Memories Group. She works hard to bring fun and enjoyment to the lives of people living with Dementia and their carers. Without Poynton Golden Memories Group, life could become overwhelming and difficult for people living with dementia and their carers.

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Catherine Johnson 5th Poynton Guides and the Division Commissioner for Poynton, Bollington and Macclesfield.

Alison Southern 4th Poynton Guides, 3rd Poynton Rainbows and 1st Poynton Rangers

Jane McBrien 1st Poynton Rainbows

Susan Dyson 2nd Poynton Rainbows, and previously Poynton District Commissioner and once again standing in as District Commissioner.

Millie Bell from 1st Poynton Rainbows will receive her award at the Town Council meeting in December as she was not able to attend the reception.

Youth Awards

Girlguiding in Poynton produced all the nominees for the Youth Awards this year. Their young leaders are exceptional role models, and dedicate their spare time to volunteering roles to support other girls to take part in activities

Anna McBrien, Amelie Cunningham and Eilidh Lord both volunteer at 1st Poynton Rainbows

Tanya Johnson volunteers at 2nd Poynton Rainbows.

Keith Lambert—Special Recognition Award

This year sees Keith retire from his management of Mates DIY of which he has owned for nearly 40 years. His shop has provided an invaluable service to the Poynton community and also been a source of employment for many.

Although the above is a great achievement, his award is specifically for his continuous support for the community, in particular ticket sales for all community events. It has become common practice over the years to read the words 'tickets available from Mates'. In addition, Keith has supported many, in fact any community initiatives often supplying materials straight off the shelf.

Keith has provided immeasurable and continuous support for anything Poynton and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

Heritage Open Days success

Poynton Town Council, alongside Poynton Local History Society, Poynton Library, Poynton Heritage Garden Group, The Anson Engine Museum and a group of passionate locals put on a fantastic week of events celebrating Poynton's history.

Heritage Open Days ran from Saturday 9th of September until Sunday 17th September. Poynton Town Council welcomed almost 200 visitors to its two-day 'A Diary of Poynton' exhibition, The Anson Engine Museum welcomed over 100 visitors in one day and the library was packed out for their Lyme Park history talk!

With the success of the week, we hope that Poynton's Heritage Open Days celebration can become bigger and better and return in 2024.





Consultation on car park charges

Cheshire East have commenced a consultation on the introduction/review of parking charges across the borough. You can find information on the car park boundaries and the proposed charges at Proposals for council car parks: <https://bit.ly/45j7Qtc>

A report on the Cheshire East parking strategy for Poynton can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3LJhMFj> The library also has paper copies to view.

A meeting of the Town Council to discuss these proposals will be arranged shortly and publicised on the Town Council's website and Facebook page.

Cheshire East Annual green bin charge

Poynton Town Councillors do not support the Cheshire East Annual Green bin charge of £56 that will begin in January 2024.

They are concerned that;

- the service has been re-named from a charge to a "Garden Bin Subscription" without any explanation
- that there was no public consultation prior to the introduction of the "subscription"
- the extra charge will reduce recycling and lead to fly-tipping
- there is no explanation of how the £56 annual charge was calculated. Other councils with similar schemes have much lower costs - for example, Cheshire West & Chester charge £40 and Stoke £15 a year.

Your Poynton Town Councillors have raised their concerns to Cheshire East. To see Cheshire East's explanation of their Green Bin "Subscription" scheme and details of the new charge, please see their website: <https://bit.ly/3ZFDbVD>

Or alternatively, there are paper copies to view in the library.

Improvements in and around the town

Poynton Town Council's Facilities Infrastructure and Economic Development (FIED community) recently decided to tackle the problem of dog waste being left at the Poynton pool car park.

In conjunction with the Cheshire East Rangers who manage the park, the committee were able to deploy a waste bin by the main entrance off South Park Drive. The bin will be serviced by Town Council staff.

The Operations have also been busy in their quest to make all things lovely in the town.

The bus shelter on Coppice Road, Higher Poynton received their attention last week and is looking much better for it.





Twinning Association news and events

Well done, the Twinning Association of Poynton!

The Mayor of Poynton, Patrick Bailey, and assistant local store manager, Andrew Grantham, came together to praise the efforts of the Twinning Association, who have transformed an eyesore on London Road South and created a delightful display of shrubs and flowers.

Many passers-by stop to admire the troughs and thank the volunteers for their sterling efforts.

We thank Aldi and Poynton Home Gardeners' Club for their financial contributions.

Quiz and hot pot supper

Friday 27th October - Twinning Association Quiz, including a Hot Pot Supper and Dessert

The Bailey Room, Royal British Legion, George's Road West, Poynton

Tickets are £12 per head [the same price as 2022] and are available from The Civic Hall reception.

There will be a bar and a raffle. Teams of four are preferable. All welcome.

Information from the Secretary: gpj.coppice@gmail.com

Free weekly dance and football sessions for young people

Football session

From Wednesday 4th October, enjoy football in a safe and relaxed environment, all for free! Come along to Poynton sports club every Wednesday between 6pm and 7pm for a kickabout. Suitable for ages 10-16. No booking needed.

Dance session*

Resuming on Friday 20th October, join the fun with a trained dance instructor at this weekly free event. Fridays at Poynton Civic Hall, 6:30—7:30pm. No booking needed, just turn up!

***Please note, there will be no dance sessions on the 6th and 13th of October.**

October 2023

Mon 4th October	Management and Establishment meeting	8pm, Poynton Civic Hall
Sat 7th October	Council Surgery—call 01625 872 238 to book an appointment.	10am, Poynton Civic Hall
Mon 16th October	Planning and Environment meeting	8pm, Poynton Civic Hall
Weds 18th October	Talking Therapies Confidence Course—see poster on the last page.	6pm—8:30pm, Poynton Civic Hall
Mon 23rd October	Finance and General Purposes meeting	8pm, Civic Hall
Fri 27th October	Twinning Association Quiz and Hotpot night	Royal British Legion





18th October

Poynton Town Hall

6-6.45pm: CBT techniques

**7.00-8.30pm: Confidence
course**

SINGLE SESSION: CONFIDENCE

- Learn the difference between confidence and self-esteem.
- Know the effect of these.
- Have coping strategies to build your confidence and self-esteem.
- Understand how to manage these things in work.

Including:

A qualified therapist delivering CBT based techniques to help keep you mentally healthy.

To refer please email: emma.evans@thebiglifegroup.com