



Poynton Update and News, 2nd March 2020

Poynton Town Council precept for 2020/2021

The Town Council sets an annual precept as part of the Council Tax to help pay for the many local services we provide. The Council has worked hard in difficult circumstances to keep the precept low and made savings wherever possible.

The Town Council's precept for 2020/21 is £489,264, an increase over the current year of £19,351 or 3.67% for a Band D home. The annual precept is £83.46 for the year, or £1.60 per week. This represents an increase of just over £3.30 per year or 6.33p per week. We believe that this represents good value for money when measured against all the additional services in Poynton which are provided by the Town Council. These include:

- Hockley and Brecon Close play areas
- The majority of Lady's and Prince's Inclines
- CCTV monitoring – 5 cameras in the centre of Poynton
- Graffiti removal
- Coppice Road allotments
- The Civic Hall, owned and maintained by the Town Council, is home to an increasing number of local voluntary organisations and clubs and needs maintenance and improvements
- The Time-Out café and Friday Shoppers group which provides social contact for many older residents
- Increased funding to the Citizens Advice service delivered from the Civic Hall
- Funding many local organisations and community events, including Poynton in Bloom, Men in Sheds, Higher Poynton Summerfest and the Christmas Fest
- The Town Council acts as Poynton's voice on many issues, including defending the Green Belt and protecting the environment

The Town Council employs three Community Support Officers and continues to fund one Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to enhance the service provided by Cheshire Constabulary's two PCSOs.

The Communities Co-ordinator promotes health and well-being initiatives for both older and younger people, working with voluntary groups and service providers to ensure Poynton is a strong and resilient community. Poynton is officially a dementia friendly town and is the first Town Council in Cheshire to achieve the bronze NHS Self Care Award. Other work includes supporting the Poynton Area Community Partnership and the scheme to lend out mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

The Operations Manager and Village Ranger have a key role working with Cheshire East, pushing for road and footpath repairs, drain clearance and lighting improvements; dealing with residents' enquiries and litter problems; supporting the Pick and Tidy group; emptying bins and similar jobs maintaining Poynton's infrastructure.

Town Councillors receive no form of salary, attendance or other allowances and give freely of their time. Poynton Town Council's website is www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk.



VE Day - 75th Anniversary Celebrations 8th - 10th May 2020

This year, Friday 8th May - 10th May will be an international celebration of peace commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Victory in Europe - VE Day celebrations. The 8th May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary represents an important milestone in our history.

Call for veterans and those involved in the war efforts of the Second World War

Poynton Town Council are organising an afternoon tea party for veterans of the Second World War and those involved with the war effort. If you know of anyone, the Town Council would like to hear from you so that we can arrange to invite them to an event on Saturday 9th May 2020.



Community creativity! Can you help make bunting?



Following our request for community involvement in February's PUN, Poynton Town Council has met with several local groups and organisations who would like to offer activities to support to the celebrations over the VE 75 anniversary weekend.

To help dress the Town for the occasion we are asking individuals, schools and groups to create bunting (made from eco-friendly materials).

Are you able to support the commemorations and get creative by making bunting?

Alternatively, contributions of any suitable bunting material including cloth, ribbon, wool, etc. would be welcomed by local community groups to allow them to make bunting too.

You will be able to drop off your bunting and materials at the Civic Hall reception area between 2nd March and 30th April.

There is still just about time to let us know about any activity or event you are planning to do for this occasion. Ideas might include;

- dress up in 1940's clothes at one of your group meetings
- organise a relevant event or talk
- lead a commemorative walk
- take part in a war-time themed picnic
- deliver a performance, play or a dance
- display memorabilia or organise an art exhibition

If your event encourages the wider community to be involved and you would like to be included in the VE Day celebrations programme of events, please get in touch on 01625 872238 or Sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk



Time for a cuppa, Friday 6th March, from 9am, Poynton Civic Hall



Staff at Poynton Town Council are hosting a 'Time for a cuppa' fundraising event in aid of Dementia UK. Drop by and say hello on Friday 6th March from 9am onwards. Have a cuppa, buy a cake and a raffle ticket!

We are looking forward to seeing you.



Annual Town Assembly, Monday 6th April 2020, 8pm

The Town Assembly is at the Civic Hall on Monday 6th April at 8pm, with light refreshments from 7.30pm. This is not a Town Council meeting, but the annual occasion when Poynton's electorate are able to raise and discuss local and topical issues, and if agreed by the majority of those attending, to put forward and vote on proposals relating to them. Cllr Mrs Sarah-Jane Gilmore, the Town Mayor, will preside.

The Council's Annual Report for 2019/20 will be presented and there will be an opportunity for representatives of our local voluntary organisations to promote and provide updates on their activities. Contact the Civic Hall or look on the website for the Assembly agenda and the Town Council's Annual Report when published. The record of last year's Annual Assembly is available on request.

Graffiti around Poynton

The Council Community Support Team (CCST) have liaised with their contractor in order to have the graffiti removed from buildings and road furniture in the town centre following the recent spate of graffiti that hit the town in the early hours of Friday 21st of Feb. The Town Council would like to appeal to anybody with any information leading to the identification of the offenders to contact the Police on 101 or the Civic Hall on 01625 872238.



Spinners Lane - Chester Road junction

Cheshire East Highways are looking to commence the drainage works at the junction of Spinners Lane and Chester Road on 10th March with the resurfacing of the junction on March 24th.

Your next Councillor surgery are on 7th March and 4th April

Your chance to meet your local Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor and Police 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.

Feeling Chilli? Coppice Road Allotments Association growing competition.

The weather is cold and wet! So now is the time to start growing a chilli or pepper plant in the Peppers for Poynton competition. Anyone living or working in Poynton can join in. Everyone has a window sill so start off the seeds soon. The idea comes from a recent clip on Gardeners' Question Time where practically a whole village started growing chillies or peppers. Coppice Road Allotments Association is sponsoring the event with a small prize and we hope the Mayor can judge the plants in summer. Good growing!

Community wellbeing in Poynton

It's great to hear that Poynton has been named the best town in Cheshire for community wellbeing. <https://www.cheshire-live.co.uk/news/chester-cheshire-news/find-out-area-cheshire-number-17840597>



Poynton Library events in March

- Tues 3rd 10am-12 Macmillan help desk. Info and advice on living with cancer. Drop-in.
- Thurs 5th 10am-12 Healthwatch are offering advice and guidance on local health services.
- Thurs 5th 10.30am Rhymetime. Come as your favourite book character for World Book Day.
- Thurs 5th 3.30pm Lego Club. Come dressed as your favourite book character.
- Fri 6th 1pm-2.30 Daytime Lego. A new monthly session in addition to our Thursday one.
- Tues 10th 2-3pm Book Chat at Poynton Library. Free event.
- Mon 16th 10.30am-12 Pirate party. Craft, games and songs for pre-schoolers. Fancy dress welcome. £1 per child. Please book and pay at the library in advance.
- Tues 17th 10am-12 and Tues 31st 10am-12 Macmillan help desk. Details as for 3rd March
- Quiz night. Advance notice - Friday 1st May 7pm. £5 pp, teams of up to 6 people. (Includes a raffle ticket and nibbles) Bar and prizes available. Tickets on sale now, book in advance.
- Rhymetimes are every Weds 2pm-2.30 and every Thurs 10.30am-11. Free, no need to book.

Activities and events at the Civic Hall

March 2020		
Fri 6 th	From 9am	Time for a cuppa fundraiser for Dementia UK. See details above
Fri 6 th	7.30pm	TAP AGM & social evening, The Club. Everyone welcome
Sat 7 th	10am - 12 noon	Joint Town Council, Cheshire East Council and Police working together surgery. Drop-in at Poynton Civic Hall from 10am - 11am or make an appt for 11am, 11.20am or 11.40am on 01625 872238
Mon 9 th	8pm	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting
Sat 14 th	10am –1pm	Poynton Goes Green Eco Fair. Free
Mon 16 th	8pm	Management and Establishment Committee Meeting
Weds 18 th – Fri 20 th	10am - 4pm	Photographic Society exhibition, Civic Hall. Free entry.
Mon 23 rd	8pm	Community, Order and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Thurs 26 th	7pm	Open Hands Fashion Show, British Legion. Tickets £5, Mates DIY
Sun 29 th	9am –11am	Poynton 10km run. Road Closures - Park Lane is closed from London Rd roundels to junction with Bulkeley Rd 9am – 11am and Park Lane from Bulkeley Rd to the junction of Middlewood Rd and Coppice Rd 9.10am – 9.25am. For more details www.crazylegsevents.co.uk
Mon 30 th	8pm	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting
April 2020		
Fri 3 rd	7.30pm	Mayor's Fundraising Quiz. The Club. £10 per team of 4. Tickets from Mates DIY or Civic Hall reception.
Sat 4 th	10am - 12 noon	Joint Town Council, Cheshire East Council and Police working together surgery. Drop-in at Poynton Civic Hall from 10am - 11am or make an appt for 11am, 11.20am or 11.40am on 01625 872238.
Mon 6 th	8pm	Annual Town Assembly Committee Meeting
Fri 16 th	10.30am -12pm	Council Community Support Team Surgery. Drop-in, Fig & Fennel
Mon 20 th	7.30pm	Planning and Environment Committee
Mon 20 th	8pm	Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee
Mon 27 th	8pm	Finance and General Purposes Committee

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