



## Dementia Friendly Poynton

'Poynton – A Dementia Friendly Town' is a key project for the Poynton Area Community Partnership (PACP). PACP has therefore joined the Dementia Action Alliance and the Poynton Dementia Steering Group was formed in January 2017.



Dementia Action Alliance comprises over 150 organisations across England who connect, share best practice and take positive action on dementia.

Poynton Dementia Steering Group (PDSG) is made up of representatives from Poynton Town Council, local voluntary groups, professionals supporting people living with dementia, dementia services and carers.

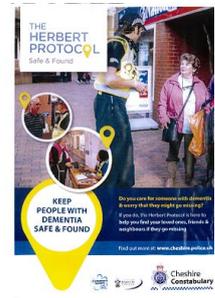
The group has listened to people's requirements and developed an action plan for Poynton to include increasing the number of Dementia Champions, providing Dementia Awareness Training for local businesses and residents, making Twiddle muffs for people living with dementia and raising awareness of dementia with young people.



As part of Dementia Awareness Week in May, PDSG published a leaflet listing groups in and around Poynton, where people living with dementia, their carers, friends and family are welcome. A copy can be found on Poynton Town Council's website or in the Civic Hall.

'Clickety Click', a voluntary knitting group are making Twiddle muffs and blankets for use by people living with dementia. The knitters are happy to accept donations of wool and craft items so they can continue with their work. Clickety Click meet at the Kingfisher pub every Monday morning from 10am – 12noon.

PDSG is also working with Cheshire Constabulary to help raise awareness about The Herbert Protocol. This is a national initiative now launching in Poynton which helps provide reassurance should a vulnerable adult go missing. Read more here <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/missing-persons/herbert-protocol/> or ask the PCSOs.



PDSG are also developing a 'reminiscence box' for Poynton. A vintage suitcase has been donated and people, groups and organisations are being asked to donate interesting items and memorabilia associated with Poynton. Once complete, the box can be hired by groups and individuals from Cheshire East libraries.

The Poynton Town Mayor is Cllr Sarah-Jane Gilmore. Her chosen good cause for the current Civic Year is Living Well, a volunteer-led group for people living with dementia and their carers. The group meet at St George's Church every other Tuesday. The Mayor is keen to support other local dementia groups and raise awareness of dementia and services in Poynton.

The free awareness sessions are open to anyone working or living in Poynton. The sessions will be at Poynton Civic Hall on these dates:

- Saturday 9th September, 10am – 11am
- Saturday 16th September, 10am – 11am
- Thursday 14th September, 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Thursday 21st September, 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Please book your free place by contacting Val Burlison, Cheshire East Council, on 01625 374950 or [val.burlison@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:val.burlison@cheshireeast.gov.uk)