



Poynton Area Community Partnership (PACP)



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PACP's new Chairman, Cllr Sarah-Jane Gilmore is keen to understand better the priorities for the parishes and has already met with representatives of many parishes to ensure PACP can support them more fully. This is leading to more engagement at meetings which serves to enhance the community spirit within the group.

PACP felt it was important to recognise the different parishes and to develop relationships and connections between them. A logo was developed to reflect this which is used on all promotional material and documents.



The group agreed to use the funding received from Cheshire East Council to specifically fund community projects rather than use some of it to support the group.

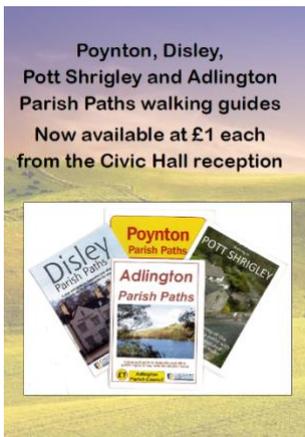
The group to date has been supported by Poynton Town Council which has provided both staff and other resources. Recently the group have attracted a volunteer who is now supporting the group with administrative duties.

The group have made the community aware that funding is available and have included an article in a recent Inside Magazine, promoting the group and funding available. A funding subgroup has been set up which will consider grant applications and also requests made to access Connected Communities Centre funding for room hire.



Adlington Parish Council

Walking



Many of the PACP parishes have informative walking guides which offer the opportunity for visitors and residents to explore the beautiful surrounding countryside.

Raising awareness of our local parishes and encouraging healthier lifestyles is a key remit of the group and copies of the walking guides are available to buy at Poynton Civic Hall.

We are working with Everybody Sport and Recreation to start Health Walks programme and training has been made available to encourage volunteer health walk leaders to sign up for training.

Disley Parish Council

Disley Library

The library at Disley was under threat so PACP sent a letter of objection to Cheshire East Council because of the potential loss of such a valued community hub. Happily, a decision was made not to close the library, so it will continue to provide an important community venue for many social activities.

Be Steady, Be Safe

The nearest falls prevention class to Disley is the “Be Steady, Be Safe” programme run by Everybody Sport and Recreation at Poynton Civic Hall. A number of Disley residents had registered to join the programme but did not have transportation from Disley to Poynton. Disley Parish Council offered the use of their Community Bus and its wonderful volunteer drivers to transport up to 9 participants to the Poynton every Monday to allow Disley residents to benefit from the programme.



The use of the Disley Community Bus is creating closer ties between the communities of Disley and Poynton, is environmentally beneficial by using a single vehicle and is helping to reduce social isolation by bringing older residents together for the trip as well as for the training session. The administration and fuel costs were donated by Disley Parish Council and a grant by PACP covered the expenses.

Community Litter Pick

Disley and Newtown residents of all ages attended the 2018 Community Litter Pick on 24th March which had been rearranged due to snow on the original date.

More than 30 volunteers met on Ram Green and spread out in all directions to give the village a thorough Spring Clean.

Disley Parish Council organised the event and supplied litter grabbers, hi-vis jackets, gloves and bin bags. Over 15 bags of rubbish were collected and the event was deemed a great success in terms of clearing up the village, raising awareness of littering and as a community get-together.



Having worked up an appetite, the pickers were rewarded with delicious cakes supplied by the Finch and Fig café in the village.

Health and Well-being Show

The first Disley Health & Well-being Show was hosted by the Parish Council on 7th September 2017. Cllr. Jackie Pattison formally opened the event at Disley Community Centre with national and regional organisations such as Age UK, Dementia Awareness and the British Red Cross represented, along with local exhibitors like the Schoolhouse Surgery, Disley Footpaths Society and Disley Community Choir.



The Community Choir delighted visitors with a short set of songs and activities included blood pressure checks by the Surgery and free reflexology sessions by Lisa Robinson-Hall. The Healthy Bites Café raised over £60 for the Community Bus.

Mottram St Andrew Parish Council

Telephone Book Exchange Opening



The official opening of the Mottram St. Andrew Telephone Box Book Exchange took place on Monday 2nd April attended by Parish Council Chairman Bill Pilkington, other Councillors and local bestselling Author Kathryn Hughes.

New shelves accommodate books and makes an ideal small library with residents encouraged to exchange their books without membership fees, fines for late return or even having to keep quiet while they do it!

The Parish Council have identified that communication with their residents is a key issue for them and this is something that PACP will help them to address with ideas and financial assistance.

Pott Shrigley Parish Council

Spring Clean



Pott Shrigley Parish Council organised the annual 'Spring Clean' in a bid to rid the village of every scrap of litter.

Volunteers could be seen stretched out along the three miles of Shrigley Road with a lot of litter likely thrown from cars or dropped by passing cyclists including food wrappers, hi-energy drink sachets, cans and bottles.

New Chairs

A successful grant application to PACP is helping to fund the purchase of 45 new stackable chairs with soft seat cushioning and vinyl seat covering for the village hall.

The chairs will enhance the life of the local community through the various groups associated with the village hall.

Poynton Town Council

Poynton – A Dementia Friendly Community



Poynton Dementia Steering Group was set up to ensure its residents living with dementia and their carers are supported. In December 2017, an application outlining the many different strands of the groups work was submitted to the Alzheimer's Society and was successful.

Theatre.

The group have secured funding from Poynton Town Council for two community performances of Over the Garden Fence by HayLo

The play encourages conversation and engages audiences in the discussion of not only dementia, but the importance of the individual behind the diagnosis. One performance will be performed as part of Dementia Action Week activities at Poynton Civic Hall and another at Poynton High School with a view to raising awareness with younger people.

Remembrance Poppies



A project involving Men in Sheds, the Royal British Legion volunteers and Poynton Town Council involved creating robust and attractive poppies that were placed on lamp posts and street furniture along the main routes through Poynton during the remembrance period in November 2017.



The poppies were put up by volunteers and Poynton Town Council staff and their impact was recognised as a positive Civic Pride activity through social media and comments received.

A guide to local interest, activity and hobby groups



Following concerns with the devastating impact that being lonely can have, PACP produced and distributed 'A guide to local interest, activity and hobby groups' ahead of the festive period in December 2017.

The booklet contains information about the impact of loneliness and encouraged people to join the social groups. It was distributed to every Poynton household via the Poynton Post and copies made available at the Civic Hall, library and parish venues.

The publication was well received and the group hope to expand on supporting projects that reduce loneliness.

Connected Communities Centre – Poynton Civic Hall

Poynton Civic Hall was nominated by PACP to become a Connected Communities Centre and was officially opened on 13th February 2018. In attendance was Cllr Janet Clowes, CEC Adult Social Care and Integration Portfolio Holder and Cllr Jos Saunders, CEC Children and Families Portfolio Holder and Poynton Town Councillor. At reception is a tablet which provides access to Cheshire East Councils Live Well directory of information, groups and services.



PACP will work together with Cheshire East Council and Poynton Town Council to encourage and support programmes and projects that meet health and wellbeing objectives with subsidised room hire at the civic hall.

Poynton Pick and Tidy



The group have carried out a number of litter picks over the last year and have plans to support community events such as Party in the Park and Poynton Show over the coming months.



In December 2017, the main routes and local 'grot' spots were targeted ahead of Christmas Fest so the village looked clean and tidy for the influx of visitors on the night.

Primary Care Home – Poynton Disley and Bollington

Through Poynton Town Council's Communities Co-ordinator the group have representation at the Middlewood meetings, the group who are responsible for developing the new health and social care model for Poynton, Disley and Bollington.

This ensures that the opportunities for community health and wellbeing programmes and activities are considered as part of the developing model. Bollington isn't one of the PACP parishes but we plan to discuss their involvement with PACP around health and wellbeing to ensure any opportunities include them.

Carers Trust4 All - Sing-a-Long Sessions

PACP have funded monthly sing-a-long-sessions throughout the year with positive responses from those who attended including: 'singing is a good mood booster'; 'it doesn't matter if you don't have a good voice'; 'the instruments add to the fun'; 'like to meet friends again'; 'lovely session joining in together; a nice afternoon out'.

89% of respondents said that singing improved their quality of life and 91% said attending the group has benefitted their health/ and or confidence.