



Poynton Update and News, 19th January 2018

Shared Space Zone

The innovative and award winning shared space zone has been the most significant improvement to the public realm in Poynton in recent years. It has undoubtedly positively impacted both the economic vitality and road safety of the village. However, deterioration of several of its features has rightly caused concern.

Poynton Town Council does not have the remit, authority or budget to carry out highways maintenance. However, the Town Council is doing everything it can to progress the necessary remedial work. In addition to the efforts of the Town Council staff, a working group consisting of councillors and residents has also been meeting for several months to identify and progress issues within the shared space zone.

Examples of what has been done:

- Agreement has been reached with CEC Highways (Ringway Jacobs - CEC's highways contractor) that they will turf and maintain their large, and previously neglected, flower beds on London Road North. In preparation for this, the Poynton Pick & Tidy group and volunteers from the Town Council and Poynton in Bloom have already removed valuable plants from this area and have re-planted them at Burton Drive.
- Agreement has been reached that ANSA (a CEC wholly owned company responsible for refuse and street cleaning) will now include the central reservations within the shared space zone in their road sweeping programme.
- Members of the working group have conducted a thorough inspection of the shared space zone and have compiled a comprehensive list of defects, both large and small. These range from blocked grids to areas where parts of the carriageway are subsiding. This map of the defect locations has been shared with CEC Highways. In addition, the Highways representatives were made fully aware of concerns regarding ongoing maintenance. In reply CEC Highways explained that no major repairs will be carried out on London Road until the SEMMMS (A6—Manchester Airport Relief Road) scheme is complete. This is because of the serious traffic problems it would cause in the area. In the meantime, to keep the road safe, they will continue to carry out patch repairs.
- Work is ongoing to gain CEC Highways commitment to a programme of repairs for Fountain Place, Park Lane and Chester Road that can be accomplished within the Highways budgetary restraints. A further face-to-face meeting is planned in January.

What can you do:

- If you spot a dangerous hole in the road or the pavement anywhere in Poynton then you should contact Cheshire East Highways as soon as possible. Telephone: 0300 123 5020 (out of hours 0300 123 5025).
- You should report less urgent problems and street lighting faults via the Cheshire East web site (http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/highways_and_roads.aspx).



Poynton – A Dementia Friendly Community

Following a successful application to the Alzheimer's Society, Poynton Dementia Steering Group (PDSG) supported by Poynton Area Community Partnership are pleased to announce that Poynton is now officially recognised as 'working towards becoming dementia friendly'. Many voluntary groups, services and organisations have contributed so far, but this is a long-term project and there's so much more to do. A dementia-friendly community is a city, town or village where people with dementia are understood, respected, supported and confident they can contribute to community life.



PDSG are able to support local groups, businesses and organisations to become recognised. If you run a shop, a hairdressers, a club etc and would like more information about how you can become more friendly to people living with dementia and their carers, and then receive a sticker to display in your shop window or given the right to use the logo on your publicity materials, please contact Sharon Duke, Communities Co-ordinator at Poynton Town Council on 01625 872238 or sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Young person's directory

Poynton Town Council are developing a directory which will provide information about the social and activity groups available for young people in and around Poynton. Are you involved with a group? Why not use this opportunity to let young people know what's available? If you would like your group to be included in the directory, please contact Sharon Duke, Communities Co-ordinator, Poynton Town Council on 01625 872238 or sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

NEW in the Civic Hall Poynton Ceilidhs - Vertical Expression with Andrew Swaine, 27th January, 8pm - 11.30pm

Folk dancing with live bands. No partner needed. No experience necessary. Adults £9, under 16s £4.50. 27th January and 28th April in the Civic Hall and other months at the Centre, Park Lane. More information on <https://poyntonceilidh.co.uk/>

Councillor surgery, 3rd February

You are invited to meet your local Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor, and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), at the surgery on the first Saturday of each month (except August): drop-in from 10am to 11am or make an appointment for 11am, 11.20am and 11.40am by ringing 01625 872238 or calling in to the Civic Hall reception.

NEW Orange Bloom Weekly Yoga Class, Civic Hall, 7th February, 7pm - 8pm

Orange Bloom classes are an inclusive, fun, friendly and open place to be. The group practises a flowing Hatha style of yoga that increases flexibility as well as fitness and encourages relaxation. First class is only £4 (£7 thereafter with loyalty cards available). All sizes, ages and abilities welcome. For more information contact <http://www.orangebloomyoga.com/> or email helen@orangebloomyoga.com



Men in Sheds



The group meet at the Centre in Park Lane, Poynton. They learn new skills working with their hands, show others their skills and get involved with community projects, using tools available in the Shed. Drop in on Tuesdays 10am – 2pm, Wednesdays 10am – 2pm and Fridays 12.30pm – 3pm. £3 per session, £4 for two sessions or £5 for three sessions per week. For further information, contact Geoff Floyd on 0161 456 9077 or Geoff King on 01625 876966.



Poynton library events

Monday 12th February, 10.30-11.30am: Ahoy me hearties, it's a pirate party! Craft, games, stories and songs for preschool children. £1 per child. Please book beforehand. Fancy dress welcome.

Tuesday 13th February, 2-3pm: 'Let's talk about Books'. A friendly informal reading group, chatting about short stories over a cup of tea or coffee. Whether you love them or hate them, go along and share your views.

Tuesday 20th February, 10.30am - 12: Lego Superheroes. Lego Club Special. £1 per child. Please book in advance.

Rhymetimes will take place on Thursdays February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd at 10.30am for all babies and toddlers and their parents/carers. No need to book, just go along and join in the fun.

Micro:bits available to borrow, three week loan, no charge. Ask at the library for details. Ask about eBooks, eAudio books and eMagazines, all available to download to your device for free.

Check the Facebook page, call the library on 01625 374818 for updates and extra events and check the website here: http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/nearest_library/poynton_library.aspx

Activities and events at the Civic Hall

January

Mon 22 nd	8pm	Finance and General Purposes committee	Civic Hall
Sat 27 th	8pm- 11.30pm	*NEW* Poynton Ceilidhs. Folk dancing with the best live bands. No partner needed. No experience necessary.	Civic Hall www.poyntonceilidh.co.uk Adults £9 Under 16 £4.50
Mon 29 th	7.15pm 8pm	Management and Establishment committee Planning and Environment committee	Civic Hall

February

Sat 3 rd	10am - 12 noon	Joint Town Council, Cheshire East Council and Police working together surgery	Drop-in 10am to 11am. Ring 01625 872238 for appointments at 11am, 11.20am, 11.40am
Mon 5 th	8pm	Facilities, Infrastructure & Economic Development committee	Civic Hall
Weds 7 th	7pm-8pm	*NEW* Orange Bloom Weekly Yoga Class First class is only £4, £7 thereafter	Civic Hall www.orangebloomyoga.com helen@orangebloomyoga.com
Mon 12 th	8pm	Planning and Environment committee	Civic Hall
Mon 19 th	8pm	Community, Order and Public Safety committee	Civic Hall

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