



Poynton Update and News, 20th March 2018

Poynton Town Council precept for 2018/19

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

The nature of neighbourhood policing is changing from April 2018, and so the Town Council will be directly employing two Council Community Support Officers and funding a Police Community Support Officer provided by Cheshire Constabulary. This will enable community policing to continue at the same level as currently. We have added an additional £10,000 to the budget to provide this.

The Town Council's precept for 2018/19 is £436,488, an increase over the current year of £7,175 or 1.67%. As there has been an increase in the number of new homes, this has increased the tax base and for a Band D home, the annual precept is £74.77 for the year, or £1.44 per week. This represents an increase of just over 1p per week or under 1%. 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 – five cameras in the centre of Poynton
- Graffiti removal
- Coppice Road allotments
- Employing two Council Community Support Officers and funding one Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), to enhance the service to be provided by the two PCSOs that Cheshire Constabulary will be providing
- The Civic Hall which the Town Council owns and maintains, which has just been awarded Connected Communities Centre status and is home to an increasing number of local voluntary organisations and clubs
- We support the Time-Out café and Friday Shoppers group which provide social contact
- Many local organisations and community events receive funding from the Council, including Poynton in Bloom, Higher Poynton Summerfest and the Christmas Fest.
- The Town Council acts as Poynton's voice on many issues, including the Cheshire East Local Plan, defending the Green Belt and protecting the environment.

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. As a result of this, Poynton has recently been awarded the status of becoming a dementia friendly town. 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 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



Annual Town Assembly, 9th April 2018

The Town Assembly is at the Civic Hall on Monday 9th 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 2017/18 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 web-site for the Assembly agenda and the Town Council's Annual Report. The record of last year's Annual Assembly is available on request.

Poynton 2018 civic awards

Jodie Clark was presented with her Certificate of youth service award, gained for voluntary work with the 1st Poynton Guides, before the Town Council meeting on 5th March. Congratulations.

The Town Council welcomes nominations for the 2018 Civic Awards and Youth Civic Awards. These are awarded to Poynton residents and young people who have made a significant and/or sustained contribution to the community of Poynton. A brief citation in an email or a letter stating the reasons for nominating is required by 11th June to liz.osborn@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

Mayor's second fundraising target reached

Cllr Sarah-Jane Gilmore, Poynton's Town Mayor, has raised £3,079, beating her second target of £3,000. The first £1,500 of the money she has raised will go to Living Well: the balance of further funds raised will be split between Living Well and Poynton Golden Memories. The next event is 'The Mayor's Ball/ 'Posh Party' on Saturday 28th April, 7.30pm. More details to follow.

Poynton train station

The town council is submitting an application for grade two listing of the building to Historic England. Arriva North are carrying out alterations to the ticket office during March. Contact Haf Barlow, Deputy Clerk, for more information on haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

Road works

Cheshire East Highways have work scheduled on the shared space gateways for the next two Sundays (18th and 25th March, 18:00 - 00:00) This safety work involves the removal of the granite blocks to be replaced with temporary tarmac. This is to address the problem of the failing road bed at the gateways due to the weight of HGVs passing through Poynton. The blocks are going into storage until the A6 Manchester Airport Relief Road is complete then a proper reinstatement will take place. Currently no alternative routes are available to allow traffic management without causing lengthy delays. The London Road North gateway was completed last Sunday 11th March.

Poor reinstatement by a national grid contractor outside Café 31 on Park Lane has been flagged up with Cheshire East Highways. A formal 'fail' notice has been sent by CEC to the contractor to effect a repair of acceptable standard.

SEMMMS—South East Manchester Multi Modal Study— review

Cheshire East Council, Stockport Council and Transport for Greater Manchester are launching a public engagement exercise to refresh the current document. This will address the pressures on commuter routes from housing and population growth and extend the strategy to 2040. The proposals will be incorporated within a new local transport plan for CE. Consultation began on 14th March, with a public drop-in at the civic hall on 27th March, 3pm to 8pm. Information and the questionnaire are here, along with other CEC consultations: http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/consultations.aspx

New bus routes in Poynton from 1st April 2018

The new 391 & 392 bus timetables have arrived at the Civic Hall. A map of the new route is on display at the Civic Hall. Call in and collect your copy.

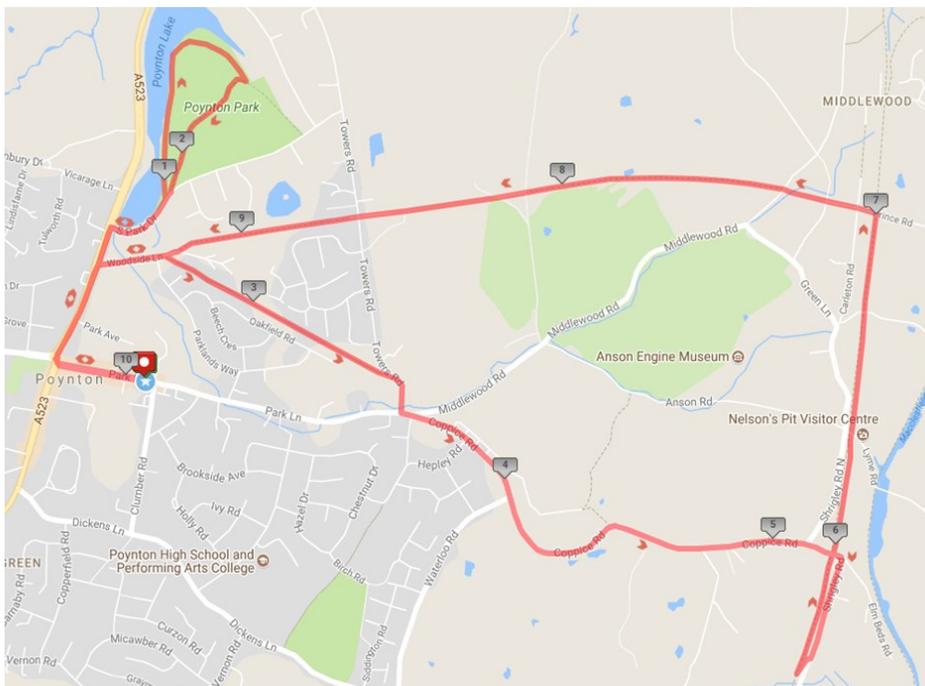


10km run, Sunday 25th March 2018

This year's Poynton 10km race takes place on Sunday, 25th March starting on Park Lane at 9.15am, organised by Crazy Legs Events who say that 'Over 700 participants will run from Poynton town centre down a short stretch of London Rd North and taking in Poynton Pool, Lady's Incline, Coppice Rd, Middlewood Way, Princess Incline before finishing back on Park Lane'. For the safety of participants and residents, Crazy Legs have arranged closures of Park Lane and London Rd North. The approximate timings are:



- Park Lane will be shut between **9:00am - 11:00am** from the roundels at London Rd to the junction with Bulkeley Rd. Access to Waitrose car park, Bulkeley Rd and Park Lane towards Higher Poynton will remain open.
- London Rd North will be shut between **9:10am - 09:25am** from the roundels to the junction of South Park Drive (As the last runner passes through this section, it will re-open).



Over 40 marshals will be on the route. No vehicles, excluding a blue light emergency, will be permitted to enter the closed sections route during the closure. Crazy Legs Events would like to thank residents for their patience. Many runners are from outside the area and are visiting Poynton for the first time, it is hoped that they will see how lovely the area is and visit on a regular basis. We are encouraging residents to come and support the runners.

The event is made possible with the kind help of local organisations including

Poynton Town Council, Poynton Runners club, local shops and businesses'. The organisers are looking for more local partners, businesses and volunteers to help promote the race. Further details of the event and road closures at www.crazylegsevents.co.uk info@crazylegsevents.co.uk and on local social media and forums.

World War One commemoration - 100 years

If a group/organisation are thinking about doing an event/activity in commemoration, please contact Sharon Duke on sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk or ring 01625 872238.

Dementia friends training - a reminder

Poynton Area Community Partnership are offering free dementia awareness sessions to anyone working in shops, businesses, organisations or in community groups, on a paid or voluntary basis, to become a 'dementia friend'. The one hour sessions are at the Civic Hall:

Thursday 12th April, 5.30pm and Saturday 21st April, 10am

Book your free place asap by contacting Val Burlison, on 01625 374950 or val.burlison@cheshireeastcouncil.gov.uk



Poynton library events

Thursday 29th March 4.30 - 5.30pm. Award winning garden designer, Clive Scott, will be talking about his 20 years exhibiting at Tatton and working with the RHS. This event comes ahead of the opening of the new Heritage Garden in April. Free, but please get a ticket in advance as places are limited at the library or on 01625 374818.

Look out for the library's garden collage sessions taking place after Rhymetime on Thursdays, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. You will be helping to create artwork to promote and celebrate the opening of the Heritage Garden.

The Centre - new indoor Artisan Markets

The Centre on Park Lane are planning to organise a series of indoor Artisan Markets and are hoping to attract a wide range of local and perhaps not so local producers of quality hand made goods. It is hoped to start the events in May with a regular slot on the first Saturday of the month.

Potters, artists, knitters, jewellery makers, pie and cake makers etc are welcome to show their wares. Initially please register your interest by emailing the Centre at info@thecentreinpoynton.co.uk or by phoning Barbara Horridge on 07775 436314.

Civic hall hire charges

These will be held at the same level until 31st March 2019 and will be reviewed in Autumn 2018.

Activities and events at the Civic Hall

March			
Tues 20 th	7pm	Poynton Flower Club – Social evening & hot pot supper. Tickets £10. Call 01625 875158	Civic Hall
Thurs 22 nd Fri 23 rd	10am - 4pm	North Cheshire Photographic Society, Inter-club print competition. Free entry	Civic Hall
Sun 25 th	9.15am	Poynton 10k run www.crazylegsevents.co.uk	Park Lane
Mon 26 th	8pm	Community, Order and Public Safety Committee	Civic Hall
Sat 31 st	10am - 5pm	Pre-loved wedding fair	Civic Hall

April			
Sat 7 th	10am - 12 noon	Joint Town Council, Cheshire East Council and Police working together surgery Drop-in 10am to 11am. Call 01625 872238 for appointments at 11am, 11.20am, 11.40am	Civic Hall
Mon 9 th	8pm	Annual Town Assembly	Civic Hall
Mon 16 th	7.30pm 8pm	Planning and Environment Committee Management and Establishment Committee	Civic Hall
Mon 23 rd	8pm	Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee	Civic Hall

Liz Osborn, Town Clerk

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