



Poynton Update and News, 23rd July 2020

Exercise of public rights and publication of unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return - accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020

Residents have the right to inspect the Town Council's accounting records. Each year, the Annual Governance and Accounting Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by the external auditor (PKF Littlejohn LLP), appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR and Statement of Elector's Rights will be published on the website with the formal notice on Friday 24th July. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection.

These documents are available by appointment with Mrs Haf Barlow, Town Clerk, from Monday 27th July 2020 to Monday 7th September 2020.

Hockley and Brecon play areas have re-opened

The Town Council are pleased to announce that the Hockley and Brecon play areas are now open. If visiting, please make sure you follow the rules and read the guidelines on the webpages below and the signage at the play areas.

Brecon Play Area: <https://bit.ly/3fB2gcG>

Hockley Play Area: <https://bit.ly/2WqsTJO>

The Town Council will be disinfecting the high touch areas Monday-Friday before the parks open. Any issues should be reported to the Town Council during office hours on 01625 872238.

There have been reports that the play area rules are being breached. If this continues to happen the Council will have no option but to close the play areas.

For information on Cheshire East Parks (Barnaby, Deva & Mount Vernon) please visit their website <https://bit.ly/3ioJw1Q>.



Poynton Relief Road

The Town Council is pleased to announce that Cheshire East Council has secured the funding necessary from the government to commence building the Poynton Relief Road.

A design and build contract was awarded to contractor Graham in autumn 2019, which has been undertaking early detailed design and site surveys. Early enabling works on the scheme are due to commence this autumn with the road expected to open to traffic in autumn 2022.

Poynton Relief Road will be a standard single carriageway, approximately three kilometres in length. The relief road will also include two overbridge crossings for use by walkers, cyclists and farm vehicles. A 3.5 metre-wide combined cycle and footway will run beside the length of the route on the western side of the main carriageway.

More information on the relief road can be found at <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways-and-roads/roadworks/major-projects/poynton-relief-road/poynton-relief-road.aspx>



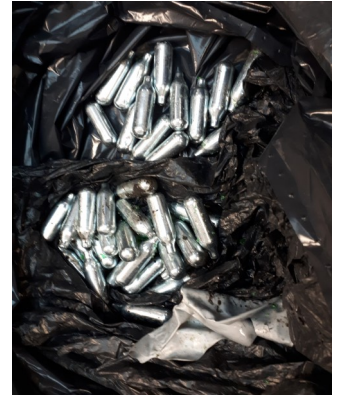
Council Community Support Team news

Last weekend the CCST undertook anti-social behaviour patrols in response to many calls from the public regarding large groups of youths gathering in parks and beauty spots within Poynton.

The Team were present in many of the 'hot spot' areas of Deva Park, Brecon Park and the fields off Vernon road.

The Team engaged with large groups of youths congregating in these areas and seized alcohol from those underage.

They also recovered a large amount of Nitrous Oxide canisters that had been discarded on London Road South. Health warnings have been placed on social media regarding its effects. The Team have been thanked by local residents for their presence in these areas.



Dog fouling

The Town Council frequently receive reports of dog fouling in the Town and also irresponsible dog owners leaving poo bags on gates, trees and pathways. Poynton Town Council regards dog fouling as anti-social and views dog owners who fail to pick up their dog's waste as displaying a disregard for other people, public health and the environment. The Council aims to change public attitudes towards dog fouling and establish a zero tolerance in people's minds. It is hoped that a shift in attitude will encourage more dog owners to pick up after their pets and discard dog waste appropriately.

Further information about dog fouling and how to report it can be found at <https://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/dogfouling.htm>.

Cheshire East are currently consulting on an extension to the current Dog Fouling and Dog Control borough wide Public Space Protection Order which is currently in place. The consultation will run until the 10th August and can be found at <https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/dogPSPOextension/>



Footpaths - Did you know?



Did you know that a public right of way is just that? The right to travel along the right of way.

You are not allowed to stop for any significant length of time. So no picnics.

The landowner has the right to either grant or deny cycling/horse riding along a public right of way.

The landowner can also request that you have your dog on a lead whilst on a public right of way.

The landowner has the right to shoot dogs if they are running loose amongst livestock.

Obstructing a public right of way is a criminal offence.

Please be respectful of landowners and their wishes.

Local business support

In the coming weeks, the Mayor, Cllr Lee Podmore, will launch the Poynton Pledge. This is an initiative to ask people to support local and think green. He will also launch a local business survey to enable the Town Council to establish how businesses have been impacted by Covid-19 and to consider what support they may need.



Support for business and social enterprises

Here are a few links to additional support for organisations struggling through Covid-19 pandemic that's outside of government funding:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-support-for-business-from-outside-government?utm_source=72217b78-158a-420e-8410-76f6f8136e8c&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

The school of social entrepreneurs also has lots of useful information including;

- Free webinars - <https://www.the-sse.org/news/recover-rebuild-webinar-series/>
- A blog page with lots of useful links - <https://www.the-sse.org/news/how-to-prepare-for-corona-as-a-social-enterprise-charity-or-impact-organisation/>
- A newsletter has some very useful information and you can sign up on website - <https://www.the-sse.org/>

During lockdown there was an outpouring of support from residents supporting others. If you are looking at setting up a social enterprise which has a strong social or environmental ethos, the links below may be able to help.

<https://www.the-sse.org/resources/starting/what-funding-is-available-for-social-entrepreneurs/>
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/financial-support-for-voluntary-community-and-social-enterprise-vcse-organisations-to-respond-to-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=23837762-18ed-4fbb-bc48-8afbcc132f58&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Loss, grief and bereavement session, Thursday 13th August 2-4pm, Poynton Civic Hall

If you have been affected by a recent bereavement, you are encouraged to attend a 'loss, grief and bereavement session' at Poynton Civic Hall hosted by The End of Life Partnership on **Thursday 13th August, 2pm – 4pm.**

You will have the opportunity to talk about your loss, understand your feelings and learn tools to help you adjust.

The session has limited numbers and social distancing measures will be in place.

To book your place telephone 01625 872238. See the full poster here <https://bit.ly/30qL4Aq>



Dementia strategy survey

Cheshire East Council are currently developing a Dementia Strategy to consider local support needs in relation to dementia, together with service provision, in order to strive to have the right services, in the right place, for the right people at the right time.

The survey is an opportunity for you to have your say about how service users, their families and carers feel about the statements in this survey and is likely to influence the strategy and future support.

There will be an opportunity for consultation on the contents of the draft strategy later in the year.

The closing date is the 14th August. Paper copies of the survey are available at Poynton Civic Hall.

<https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/DementiaStrategySurvey/>



Citizens Advice in Poynton

Due to the need to respond responsibly to the Coronavirus outbreak, all services are currently delivered by telephone or video calls.

If you would like to arrange a call with an adviser please ring 01625 432847 or 01625 708608, Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm.

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Upcoming changes to Freeview TV services in the North West

The Town Council have been informed of upcoming changes to Freeview TV services in the North West of England in August, which may affect some residents.

Residents who watch Freeview will need to retune their TV equipment if they find they are missing channels on **12th August**. Those using other services based on terrestrial TV, such as YouView, BT TV or TalkTalk, will also be affected.

Anyone who needs advice, or who finds they are still missing services after retuning, can be directed to the Freeview Advice Line team for support on freephone 0808 100 0288. Information is also available on the Freeview website at www.freeview.co.uk/tvchanges

Poynton Library news

Poynton Library is open again with temporarily reduced hours and services to allow for increased cleaning and social distancing.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm and Saturday 9am - 12pm but are subject to change. Entrance is via the old library doors opposite the clinic and the exit is up the ramp and through the main doors.

Books may be borrowed and returned as usual. Returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours after which they will be discharged and reshelved by staff. Please make an appointment to use a PC or to apply for a blue badge, bus pass or to have benefits evidence scanned.

Rhymetimes, storytimes, craft and mini maker demonstrations and book reviews are all still happening on Poynton Library Facebook page so do take a look.

E books, e audio books and e magazines are all available as are e resources accessible via the Cheshire East Libraries website. Do ask staff for more details in case of any difficulty accessing these.

Summer Reading Challenge – This is taking place online this year at silly-squad.org.uk You can set your own reading goal and unlock badges and rewards along the way. There is a downloadable certificate when you have completed your challenge.

Poynton Library wishes to thank all their customers for their continued support.



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