



Poynton Update and News, 7th February 2018

Connected Communities Launch

Poynton Civic Hall is now a Connected Communities Centre, the hub for community activity in Poynton. If your group or organisation might be considering using the Civic Hall as a venue, you are invited to a launch event to celebrate on Tuesday 13th February at 4:30pm. Poynton Civic Hall was nominated by Poynton Area Community Partnership and is part of the Cheshire East Council scheme to make a wider range of activities and support services available on your doorstep. The centre's aim is to deliver services tailored for our community. Every centre will have a computer tablet connected to the Live Well community information website, so you can easily find information, advice, activities and services in your area.

In attendance at the launch will be Cllr Janet Clowes, Cheshire East Council Adult Social Care and Integration Portfolio Holder and Cllr Jos Saunders, Cheshire East Council Children and Families Portfolio Holder and Poynton Town Councillor. Find out more about the Civic Hall and take the opportunity to use the tablet, as well as take a tour of the facilities if you haven't been before. For refreshment purposes please R.S.V.P. Val Burlison by Friday 9th February on 01625 374950 or val.burlison@cheshireeastcouncil.gov.uk

Calling all passionate community minded people for exciting new roles — vacancies

Supervisor Council Community Support Officer Council Community Support Officer

Poynton is a thriving Cheshire village of 15,000 people and is situated on the edge of Greater Manchester. Poynton Town Council is an innovative organisation which has had 10 years' experience of working with the Police at the forefront of Community Policing. As a result of changes in Cheshire Police deployment, Poynton Town Council is now going to employ a team of Council Community Support Officers. These positions will be a visible uniformed presence and will have accredited powers of enforcement. Are you:

- Community minded?
- Looking for an active work life?
- A good communicator?
- Good at identifying problems and finding solutions?
- Able to remain calm under pressure?
- Do you possess tolerance and empathy combined with firmness?

If the answers to the above are yes, then please apply for one of these exciting roles. Pay scale rises from NJC LC1 SCP 20 to 25 (currently £19,430 to £22,658pa) for the Council Community Support Officer and SCP 27 to 32 (currently £24,174 to 28,485pa) for the Supervisor Council Community Support Officer, depending on experience. A potential pay rise is due in April 2018.

You'll usually work 37 hours a week on day shifts, including weekends and bank holidays. Shifts usually cover the hours between 8am and midnight. You'll mostly be outdoors, patrolling residential areas on foot or bike. You may also work indoors, for example when giving talks to community groups and schools. You'll be provided with a uniform. The post is subject to Police and DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) vetting. For a full job description, employee specification and application form, or for further information, please email Liz Osborn, Town Clerk, on liz.osborn@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk or ring 01625 872238, or call in to the Civic Hall between 9am and 4.30pm. Visit our web-site www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk
The closing date for applications is Tuesday 27th February, 9am.



Dementia friends training

Would you like to learn more about dementia and how you can help to make Poynton dementia friendly? 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. If you attend, you will become a 'dementia friend' and join the 394 other dementia friends in Poynton! Many of these are from Poynton High School. The one hour sessions are at the Civic Hall on these dates:

Thursday 8th February, 5.30pm

Saturday 17th February, 10am

Thursday 8th March, 5.30pm

Saturday 17th March, 10am

Thursday 12th April, 5.30pm

Saturday 21st April, 10am

Please book your free place asap by contacting Val Burlison, Cheshire East Council, on 01625 374950 or val.burlison@cheshireeastcouncil.gov.uk

Cheshire Best Staffed Station

Poynton Town Mayor, Cllr Sarah-Jane Gilmore, attended Cheshire's Best Kept Stations Award Ceremony on Tuesday 23rd January. She was delighted to accept the Award for Cheshire Best Staffed Station on behalf of Poynton, and then to present the award to Station Master Glyn Derbyshire along with Pam Williams from Northern Rail.

The nomination said: 'The staffed booking office is clean & tidy with a display of old station name boards and passengers are dealt with by a pleasant & knowledgeable member of staff. A great collection of railway memorabilia, smart gardens and a pleasant waiting room add to the period atmosphere'. A huge well done to Glyn and all who help at Poynton Station for all their hard work. A well-deserved award!



Groups and activities for people living with dementia and their carers

The leaflet has been updated with new information so if you would like a copy, please call in to the Civic Hall reception or look on the Town Council web-site here:

<http://www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk/adult-health-wellbeing-and-services.htm>

New charges at Cheshire East's Household Waste Recycling Centres

There are now charges for non-household items following repairs and improvements to your domestic property including rubble, hard core, ceramics and plaster. There is information here http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/waste_and_recycling/using-household-waste-recycling-centres/rubble-charges.aspx

We suspect there may be an increase in fly tipping so if you see any items dumped in hedgerows or elsewhere around Poynton, please report it to Cheshire East using the form found here:

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment/street_cleansing_and_litter/street_cleansing_and_litter.aspx

New parking restrictions

There are now double yellow lines part way down Park Avenue from London Road North as well as new H-bars across driveways. Phil Cunningham, the Town Council's Operations Manager, reminded Cheshire East of their commitment to this work which will aid residents. New parking bays on London Road North and South, including a new disabled parking bay outside the former NatWest bank, will be marked up later this week.



If you see any illegal parking, report it to Cheshire East Council here

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/car_parks_and_parking/report-illegal-parking.aspx



Health walks - volunteer leaders needed

Enjoy walking? Passionate about supporting people to be active and socialise? Everybody Sport and Recreation is looking for motivated individuals to support the delivery of health walks in Poynton, day time and evenings. If you are interested, contact volunteers@everybody.org.uk

New member of staff

The Town Council welcomes Lisa Painter who has joined Andy Housley and Roy McGregor in the Building Supervisor team.

Parentalk – The Teenage Years

St. George's Poynton Parish Church will be running a parenting teenagers course. The course is called 'Parentalk – The Teenage Years' and will run for six weeks starting on Tuesday 27th February. Care For The Family have produced this course and say this: 'The teenage years are a time of transition and can be challenging for both teenagers and parents. This course is all about helping mums and dads do the best job they can as they navigate these years with their teenager. It's a relaxed, informal course giving you the opportunity to talk about the day-to-day challenges you face, as well as sharing the things that are going well.'

The course is free and suitable for all mums and dads, whether you are parenting together or alone and whatever size family you have. If you are interested in doing the course or would like more information please email families@poyntonparishchurch.org

Grants from Cheshire East Council

The Council is looking to support projects for activities and events which will improve the quality of life for local communities. There is funding up to £5,000 for facilities and up to £1,000 for activities or events available five times a year. You can apply on-line or by filling in an application form available here: http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/connected-communities/community_funds_and_grants/community_grants.aspx Additional advice and other funding sources are here: http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/connected-communities/community_funds_and_grants/advice_and_funding_sources.aspx

Activities and events at the Civic Hall

February

Mon 12 th	8pm	Planning and Environment Committee
Mon 19 th	8pm	Community, Order and Public Safety Committee
Sat 26 th	8pm	Finance and General Purposes Committee

March

Fri 2 nd	1.05-3.35pm 4.55-5.30pm	Blood Service Appointments only: www.blood.co.uk , 0161 251 4200
Sat 3 rd	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
Mon 5 th	7.30pm 8pm	Planning and Environment Committee Town Council meeting
Mon 12 th	8pm	Facilities, Infrastructure & Economic Development committee

Liz Osborn, Town Clerk

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