



## Poynton Update and News, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

### Play areas and the Civic Hall

The Government has now issued guidance on re-opening play areas. At this time the Council is unable to comply with the government guidance around the frequent cleaning of high traffic touch points.

The Town Council has carried out a risk assessment and sought advice from its insurance company regarding re-opening Hockley and Brecon Parks and it is with regret that we are unable to open the parks at this time.

Council's are currently lobbying Government to introduce guidance which is practical and workable so that playgrounds can be re-opened. We continue to monitor all guidance and will re-open as soon as we are able. Information on Cheshire East Parks (Barnaby, Deva, Mount Vernon) can be found here [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure\\_culture\\_and\\_tourism/play\\_areas/play\\_areas.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure_culture_and_tourism/play_areas/play_areas.aspx)

Community centres can open from Monday but groups of more than two households are still prevented from meeting indoors.

The Civic Hall will be re-opening on Monday for information and we hope to open to groups as soon as the government allows. Town Council hours are Monday-Friday 10.00am-4.00pm and Saturday 9.00am-12noon.

### Poynton Town Council's Prescription Support Service

Poynton Town Council's Prescription Support Service has been in place since the start of lockdown in response to our vulnerable, elderly and shielding residents who were unable to collect their prescriptions from pharmacies. Initially there was a very high demand for this service and it would not have been possible to meet this demand without the support of our dedicated volunteers, especially those from Poynton Runners, U3A and Churches Together. More recently Poynton Town Council staff have been providing this service.

Poynton Town Council are pleased to have co-ordinated this service during this very difficult time and would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers for their support. Residents who have received this support have also expressed their thanks.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> August the Government guidelines around shielding will change and shielding will be paused. In response, Poynton Town Council will stop the prescription support service on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. However, if you are unable to collect your prescriptions in the same way you did before lockdown and have no alternative arrangements, Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service are currently supporting people with their prescription collections and will continue to do so after the 31<sup>st</sup> July.

You can access this service now by contacting Cheshire East Council's People Helping People Scheme on 0300 123 5034 to register. You will then be forwarded to the prescription service. We understand that prescription collections can be organised on the day of the request if you contact People Helping People in the morning, or the following day, if the request is received in the afternoon.

### Social distancing signage in the Town

Cheshire East Council has started to introduce temporary measures to protect people and support local businesses now that the government's high street lockdown restrictions have been lifted.

Full details can be found [here](#) and a map showing the location of the signs can also be found [here](#).



### 391/392 Bus service update

The 391 and 392 bus service was reinstated on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. Further information and timetable can be found at: <https://bit.ly/37FyJeB>.

Thank you to all those residents who took the time to respond to our request about how the loss of the bus service has impacted you.

The new operator is called Go Goodwins.

### Moggie Lane bridge update

Following an enquiry to Cheshire East, the Town Council has today received the following update on the repairs to Moggie Lane Bridge.

“Moggie Lane Bridge is a hive of activity to get completed as soon as possible. We are looking to get the road reopened by the end of July, however this may be under traffic signals for a short period whilst we finalise all of the work. We anticipate that this will be fully open by mid August.”

### Buddy and befriending scheme

Are you over 50 and living in Cheshire East? Are you feeling lonely or isolated during the current Coronavirus situation? Changing Lives Together may be able to help.

For more details call 07919 327131 or email [befriending@changing-lives-together.org.uk](mailto:befriending@changing-lives-together.org.uk) OR you can call the Town Council on 01625 872238 and we can support you to access the service. We have local options for shopping and prescriptions so we can advise about these too.

### Health and Wellbeing during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic



Healthwatch Cheshire East are conducting an ongoing survey about Health and Wellbeing during Coronavirus. Local NHS and care services in Cheshire are doing everything they can to keep us well during this time. They still value your feedback on how services are being delivered, which is why they have put together this short survey.

The survey asks how you have found accessing advice and support, how you have been affected by changes to health and care services, and about your mental health and wellbeing during the Coronavirus outbreak. This is designed to find out what has been good, what lessons could be learned, and what other support you may need during this time. The survey will be ongoing and people are encouraged to complete it more than once as the situation develops.

Take the survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7W255V8>

### Middlewood Partnership blog

The Middlewood Partnership which formed in April 2019 includes Bollington Medical Centre, McIlvride Medical Practice, Priorslegh Medical Centre and The Schoolhouse Surgery, Disley.

Their new website has lots of information which includes information about the new way of contacting your surgery called 'askmyGP'.

Using this system you can contact us using your mobile device or computer rather than using the telephone. You can find out about the initiative called 'Middlewood Zones' that the Partnership has put in place which aims to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

This includes details of how the use of technology is supporting remote consultations. Read Dr Ward's interesting Blog about 'Happy Monday's' – the busiest day of the week! <https://middlewoodpartnership.co.uk/>



## Council Community Support Team news

### Parking

Now that retail outlets are beginning to re-open in Poynton it is anticipated that traffic will increase and the CCST will be on patrol monitoring parking. Please be mindful of where you are parking and use car parks that are available.

### Dog fouling

The Council Community Support Team has received a call regarding an increase in dog fouling in and around Brecon Park. Some dog walkers have also left dog faeces in bags on footpaths and in bushes. The park has numerous dog waste bins and we would like to appeal to the offending owners to use them.

Dog fouling is an offence and owners can receive on the spot fines of £80 rising to £1000 at Magistrates Court.

### Littering

The Council Community Support Team have received a report and photographic evidence, taken at 10am on Saturday (20<sup>th</sup> June), of an amount of unsightly rubbish left on Vernon fields, behind Poynton Industrial Estate. The CCST are appealing to local people to refrain from leaving litter on green spaces and be considerate of residents, local environment and wildlife. They will be patrolling these areas over the coming weeks.

The CCS Team don't have the power to issue fixed penalties for littering. They can though, if they witness littering, video the culprit and if an offence has been committed pass their name on to Cheshire East to follow up the incident.

People who drop litter can face a fixed penalty charge of £80 as an alternative to prosecution. If the offender is prosecuted and convicted in court the fine could rise to £2,500.

### CCST & Cheshire Police Tackle ASB

Due to the increase in calls relating to Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) in the Poynton area the Council Community Support Team are working closely with the ASB Unit at Cheshire Police. There will be increased patrols around the 'hot spot' areas including local parks and beauty spots.

Antisocial behaviour including under-age drinking and littering will not be tolerated. The CCST now have the power to seize alcohol from persons under-18 and will very shortly be undertaking evening patrols. All seizure of alcohol will be reported to the Police.



## Cheshire East Council launches Covid-19 community response and recovery fund

Cheshire East Council has launched the Covid-19 community response and recovery fund. The aim of the Covid-19 community response and recovery fund is to support voluntary, community and faith sectors to adapt to new ways of offering support to communities, both during and following the coronavirus pandemic, as well as maintain and continue to offer services as government restrictions are lifted.

Not-for-profit organisations will be able to apply for a grant up to a maximum of £5,000 for projects and services for both response and recovery-type applications.

For more details about this fund visit the Cheshire East community funds and grants website page [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/connected-communities/community\\_funds\\_and\\_grants](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/connected-communities/community_funds_and_grants)



## Cheshire East discretionary fund to support small businesses

Cheshire East have announced that it will launch phase two of discretionary fund open for small eligible businesses. Application for the grant scheme opened at 8am on Friday 26 June. Further details can be found at [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/business/business\\_information/coronavirus-local-discretionary-grant-scheme.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/business/business_information/coronavirus-local-discretionary-grant-scheme.aspx)

## Fraud linked to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Test and Trace is a vital tool but it does provide opportunity for fraudsters to take advantage.

The Government has issued some guidance about how people will know they are being contacted by a genuine contract tracer.

The NHS Test and Trace service will contact you by email, text message or phone. If the service calls you, it will be from **0300 0135000**. If it texts you, it will be from **'NHStracing'**.

You'll be asked to sign into the NHS Test and Trace website. You'll then need to provide your contact information, as well as details of the places you've been and the people you've been in close contact with.

You will not be asked:

- for bank details or to make a payment
- for details of any other accounts, such as your social media
- to set up a password or PIN number over the phone
- to call a premium rate number, such as those starting 09 or 087
- for anyone to visit you at home

## Poynton Library set to reopen

Poynton library is set to reopen from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Further information including the new opening hours can be found at [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/latest\\_library\\_news.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/latest_library_news.aspx).

Strict deep cleaning and quarantining of books will become routine and the number of people allowed into a library will be limited. Newspapers and magazines will not be available for the foreseeable future and some seating areas have been removed.



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