



## Poynton Update and News, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### Message from the Mayor, Cllr Sarah-Jane Gilmore

It's incredible to see how Poynton continues to pull together to support our elderly and vulnerable residents; and indeed each other!

Thank you to the organisations and groups working with the Town Council; and the Street Champions and volunteers who have made a real difference to our community.

Poynton Town Council previously create a list of local businesses who were able to deliver provisions, take-away meals and food to residents. As many shops, pubs, cafés and restaurants have now reopened we will no longer be publishing the list.

Thank you to our local businesses that provided these services



### Poynton Town Council COVID-19 Response update

Although the Civic Hall is closed the Town Council is continuing to monitor emails and telephone calls and staff are working from home. The Town Council are currently co-ordinating the volunteer response in Poynton.

Following our leaflet drop <https://bit.ly/3a2wH8K> we are receiving calls from residents who need assistance and we are working with our volunteer partners (Churches Together, U3A and Poynton Runners) on providing these welfare services.

Thank you to all those residents who have volunteered to assist with this effort to support our community.

### Poynton Town Council services

Poynton Town Council will be maintaining services during this uncertain time. This includes

- Responding to residents telephone, email enquiries and concerns
- Keeping Brecon park open
- Bin emptying on the inclines

Whilst we focus our full attention on facilitating a community resilience plan for vulnerable residents and as a result of Government advice regarding social distancing, all council committee meetings and working groups are suspended at this time.

### 391/392 Bus service suspension

The Town Council has received notice that Cheshire East has suspended the 391 and 392 bus service from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Keyworkers making essential journeys and who will be affected by this suspension should contact [transportpolicy@transportservicesolutions.co.uk](mailto:transportpolicy@transportservicesolutions.co.uk) The Town Council were not consulted about the suspension of the service and we are endeavoring to obtain urgent assurances on when the bus service will be reinstated.



## Supermarket information for vulnerable people and NHS staff

The supermarkets are now offering a range of measures and dedicated shopping hours to help NHS staff and vulnerable customers. Many of the supermarkets are requesting, where possible one shopper per household.

### **Aldi, London Rd South**

**Half an hour prior to opening**, stores are open for over 70's and vulnerable people.

On Sundays, 30 minutes prior to opening the store is open for NHS, Police and Fire Service staff.

### **Co-op, School Lane**

**From 8am – 9am** shopping is for NHS staff and key workers.

**From 10am – 11am** shopping is for vulnerable people.

### **Morrisons, Queensway**

Morrisons have introduced an NHS hour **from 7am-8am**, Mon-Sat. All residents with an NHS badge will be able to get into the store to stock up on essentials. On Sundays, stores will open at 9am for NHS workers to shop and open at 9.30am for all other customers to shop normally.

### **Vulnerable and elderly residents can ring 0345 6116111 and select either option 4 or 5.**

Option 4 is to order a food box. There is either a meat or a veg box option for £35, both include household items. Typically this box should feed 2 adults for one week. Payment is taken over the phone and goods delivered to the household. Option 5 is a small shop from a list of essential items which is delivered by a local store. Shopping is paid for using a contactless card system at the point of delivery, when social distancing practices will be observed.

### **Waitrose, Park Lane**

**Mon-Sat: 8am - 9am** Shopping is for elderly and vulnerable residents

**9am – 8pm** NHS staff should go to the front of the queue and present their badge to enter, a priority till is also available. Some essential provisions are available if they are not displayed on the shelf.

**Sunday:** Elderly and vulnerable residents can browse from 9.30am, but can only pay for provisions from 10am onwards.

**Essential Shopping Service** Waitrose are now offering a telephone shopping service whereby vulnerable and elderly residents who are self-isolating and have no form of help from family or neighbours are able to contact Waitrose to arrange shopping during store hours. To arrange a shop please contact the store between 9am and 1pm for same day delivery. Deliveries will be carried out the same afternoon where possible or the following day if all availability is taken. Shopping of a value of £30 or 20 items can be requested.

There is limited availability for this service, so it is very important that only those who need it most, access the service. Each shopper will need their bank card to be able to pay for the shopping and can contact Waitrose on 01625 858033 to speak with a partner who will explain the process and take a shopping list.

Goods will be delivered to the resident's house when ready, when social distancing practices will be maintained. Shops can be placed every four days.

## Street Champion update

Poynton Town Council's map of Street Champions continues to grow.

With over 90% of the population covered and 99 registered Street Champions there are just a handful of areas left which need to be covered. These include:

Hazel Drive, Barclay Road, Curzon Road and Middlewood Road towards the Hockley end and the area around Petre Bank Cottages.

Street Champions are coordinators and facilitators that work on a street by street basis. The Street Champion usually lives on the street they are coordinating and has a network of neighbours looking after each other. Simple jobs like putting bins out, or getting small bits of shopping or even just a social distancing chat across a garden fence are just some of the tasks that volunteers have done. If you want to become a street champion for one of the areas above please email [phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:phil.cunningham@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Families Magazine Online

Families Magazine Online have produced a 'lockdown' issue with some really useful information and activities in.

The magazine can be found here. <https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiescheshire?fr=sNmE4ZDEyMzkxMzQ>

## You & Yours Counselling

You & Yours Counselling is a charity based in Poynton providing adults with individual and couples counselling sessions.

They have adapted their service for the current situation by offering video counselling with members of their skilled and experienced professional team of counsellors. To contact You & Yours either ring them on 01625 874225 or send them a message from the contact page of their website: [www.you-and-yours.org.uk](http://www.you-and-yours.org.uk)



## Citizen's Advice

Citizen's Advice are taking calls 9-5 Mon to Fri. If you need help call:

01625 432847

01625 708608

07756 023 416

Please leave a message and you will receive a call back. You can also ring Adviceline on 03444 111444. Email advice can be accessed at <https://www.citizensadvicecn.org.uk/email>

## Moggie Lane bridge

The floods back in July last year may seem like a distant memory for some, but the impact is still being felt by many residents. Moggie Lane Bridge remains closed at present.

During the lockdown period, Cheshire East Highways have continued to work in the area. As well as the repair to the bridge retaining wall Cheshire East Highways have been working on the surface water drainage pipes that run in front of the cottages.

This work should greatly improve the water drainage in the area. Cheshire East Highways have extended the road closure at Moggie Lane Bridge until 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## Council Community Support Team news

This week we said goodbye to James Hails who has left us to join the Cheshire Police as a PCSO.

The team at Poynton Town Council wish him congratulations and good luck in his new role.



## Victory in Europe commemorations

Poynton Town Council and participating community groups are sadly unable to host the events which were being planned to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

However, we are encouraging residents to take part in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on the 8th May, from the safety of their own home by standing up and raising a glass of refreshment of their choice and undertaking the following 'Toast'.

"To those who gave so much, we thank you," using this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today.

We are also encouraging you to organise a 'Stay at Home Street Party' on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, whilst observing social distancing guidelines. Shop owners might like to decorate shop frontages and residents their homes with red, white and blue bunting – or anything you have to hand!

Over the coming days Poynton Town Council will be posting information on our website about servicemen and women who gave their lives during the Second World War, along with interesting information about Poynton during the War, and the celebrations that were organised at the time.



**VE Day  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**STAY AT HOME  
STREET PARTY**

Commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day by decorating your house red, white and blue and enjoy a picnic in your front garden! \*

 Poynton with Worth Town Council

\* Please observe government social distancing guidelines

Haf Barlow, Town Clerk

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