

# Cheshire East

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**Related subject:** Poynton area

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The most efficient solution would be to form a three member Poynton ward, comprising the whole of the parish of Poynton with Worth. This would have an electorate of 11,765 using the 2023 figures, or 3.03 times the quota. It would include the 4JG1, 4JG2, 4JH1, 4JDR, 4JD1, 4JC1, 4JC2, 4JE1 and 4JF1 polling districts.

The Pott Shrigley and Kettleshulme areas could be added to an extended Bollington ward, and Adlington to the Prestbury ward (which it was joined with until 2010).

This ward would be easily recognisable to the people of Poynton. The town's borders are very clear, indeed to the west and north they are the county boundary with Greater Manchester. To the south there is a clear distinction with the rural parish of Adlington, while to the east the Macclesfield Canal roughly follows the parish boundary with Lyme Handley (now merged with Kettleshulme).

There is no logical way to divide Poynton into three one seat wards or a two seat and one seat ward. Any such proposals would diverge significantly from the electoral quota, and also divide communities and be confusing and illogical. This would not promote effective or efficient local government.

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Most shops, restaurants, bars and offices (solicitors, accountants, dentists) are in the centre of Poynton and are used by the entire community. There used to be small shopping sub-centres away from the village centre (for example in Hockley at the top of Park Lane and in Higher Poynton) but these have gradually disappeared, and the shop buildings have mostly been converted into houses. Two 1960's shopping parades, on School Lane and Queensway, lie on the edge of the main town centre.

There are several churches, the Church of England's main church, St. George's, is in the centre of the village at the crossroads. The Baptists, Catholics, Methodists, Poynton Christian Fellowship and Lostock Christian Fellowship each have one church building. St. George's has a "daughter church", St. Martin's, in Higher Poynton.

Overall, Poynton has most of its public services sited in the Town Centre and used by people from across the town. There are no obvious commercial sub-centres.

With regard to Poynton Town Council, I would suggest retaining the current division into two wards:

West (4JG1, 4JG2, 4JH1 and 4JC2)

East (4JDR, 4JD1, 4JC1, 4JE1 and 4JF1)

While the West ward has a slightly higher electorate (but smaller area), the Copperfields estate off Dickens Lane (in 4JE1) is currently under construction and will increase the electorate of the East ward by 2030.

## **Attached Documents:**

- [proposed-poynton-ward-boundaries---2024.pdf](#)

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