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MACCLESFIELD COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



BOBBIES ON THE BICYCLE BEAT New community police bikes come in to use



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Plans forming for this year's lights switch on event.



BRITISH NERF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Macclesfield was the host of the first British NERF Championships this September



Also inside - Welly Walk, Halloween • British Nerf Championships



More Plans for Activity in Macclesfield



Macclesfield Council has been supporting activity in the town and has adopted a strategy seeking to make activity the easy and fun option in Macclesfield. The strategy will seek, over a 15 year period to find ways to enhance the town so that we can all enjoy an active lifestyle.

Starts 6th June 2017 on wards

FREE YOUTH SPORT ACTIVITIES

Macc Street Sports
Ages 7 - 16

Join In
Don't Miss Out!

EVERY WEEK!

TUESDAYS - BECKS LANE FIELDS, UPTON PRIORITY - 5-7PM

WEDNESDAYS - BANBURY CLOSE PLAYING FIELDS, HURDSFIELD - 5-7PM

Thursdays - South Park
5.30-7.30pm

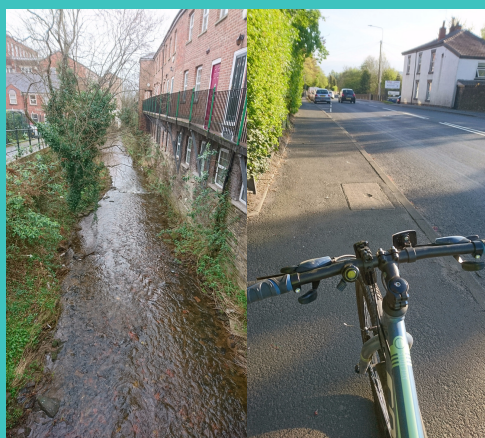
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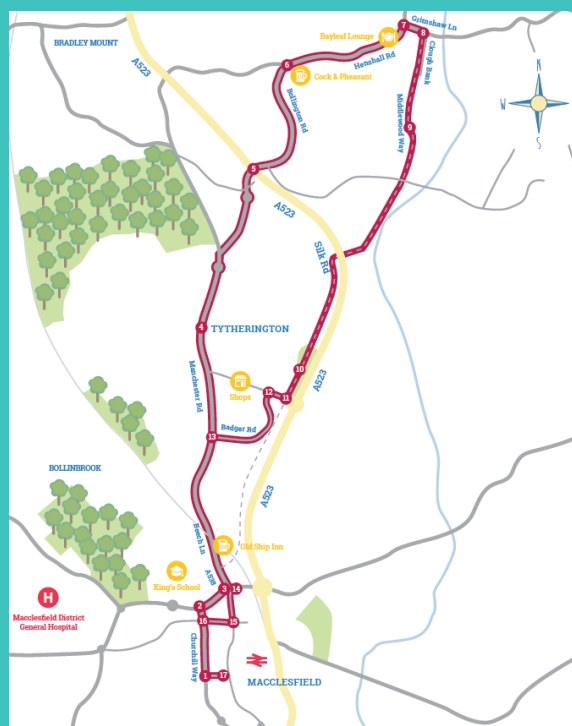
This year Macclesfield Council introduced a street sports scheme for young people. The project was free for young people to use and provided fully supported coaching sessions for young people in 3 sites around the town every week. The project has been very well received with around 100 young people having joined in and will continue through the winter months on astroturf facilities around the town.

Projects include the introduction of a Park Run for Macclesfield, which will give people the opportunity to take part in an organised and friendly run in South Park. Supported by volunteers, the Park Run will be a community-led project.

We have also begun work on a cycle strategy, which will inform transport planning with the aim to make travelling in to and around Macclesfield on a bike safer, easier and more accessible. This is supported by the work being carried out to identify and publicise cycle trails around the town.



Macclesfield Council is also looking at the smaller green spaces on the routes in to the town centre to try to establish Pocket Parks that will make the walk in to town more pleasant,



provide seating so you can take a break and relax if you choose and also provide small pockets of habitat to support wildlife in our town centre.

If you have ideas how we can support activity in the town, get in touch on 01625 374142





Bright Bright Future For Our Town Centre



This cherry tree is at the junction of old Park Lane and Park Green....

....And sycamores at Jordangate (below and below-left)

Macclesfield Town Council has completed a project installing decorative tree lights in Macclesfield's town centre. The lights are an all year round feature and will enhance the town centre gateways.

The project has seen lights installed at Waters Green, Park Green, Chestergate, Sparrow Park and Jordan Gate with in all 22 trees being illuminated.

Pete Turner, the Town Clerk of Macclesfield, commented, "the aim of this project is to enhance the public spaces in the town centre, supporting the evening economy and brightening up the experience of residents and visitors to Macclesfield. And just to confirm, no Christmas hasn't come early – these lights will decorate the town all year round"



The project will see lights coming on at around 3pm for the months when days are shorter and then a bit later when the days start to get longer. Being all year round lighting, the lights will add value to the public realm and the upcoming regeneration projects in the town centre.





...Soon be Christmas!

Well, we are all sure that everyone is looking forward to Christmas...

Making sure we're ready, the Christmas Lights Switch on event is already planned and booked for Saturday 25th November.



As in previous years, the event will host a stage filled with local entertainment, dance, live music and of course Father Christmas will be in Market Place from around 4.30.

The day kicks off at 12 with festive music from the Macclesfield Youth Brass Band around the Christmas tree and then the entertainment moves on to the main stage until the big switch on and fireworks display at around 5pm.



As well as the live entertainment, there will be market stalls in Market Place, free balloon modeling and face painting as well as the Naughty Christmas Tree wandering the streets. Inside the town hall will be a big craft fair with dozens of stalls with lots of seasonal gift ideas and we are also being joined by Silk FM who will make sure the main stage captures your attention.



Come along and join in. For more information, contact Macclesfield Council on 01625 374142





Bobbies On The Bicycle Beat

Macclesfield Police have taken delivery of 4 new police bikes to help them get around the town, keep in close contact with the community and also get access to areas that police cars can't. The four bikes are already in use and have had success around the town.

The bikes, funded by Macclesfield Town Council, are the start of a partnership between the police and the council which has already seen the council commit funding to support police initiatives in the town.

Pete Turner, the Town Clerk of Macclesfield, commented that "we truly value the work of our local policing unit and we have been working together to see how the council can support the police and augment their excellent service to the community."



"We have agreed funding for a number of local policing initiatives in the town which include these great new police bikes."

Speaking of the partnership, Sgt Rob Simpson of the Macclesfield Local Policing Unit said, "We are very grateful for the support given to us by our Town Council. We now have some fantastic bikes that will allow us patrol areas quickly and silently, targeting those involved in anti-social behaviour and crime. On their first day out, we located a young female missing from home and disrupted a group of teenagers causing issues in West Park"

The bikes will become a common sight around Macclesfield and the partnership approach will see more initiatives delivered in Macclesfield.

Macclesfield Remembers

As with previous years, Macclesfield will come together to remember those who have served Britain. On Saturday 11th November at 11am, there will be a gathering for an act of remembrance on Market Place for Armistice Day. On Sunday 12th November, the remembrance parade will start at the Town Hall at 10.25am and assemble at Park Green War Memorial for the town's Remembrance Service at 11am.





Applications Open for Community Grants

Since its inception in 2015, Macclesfield Town Council has provided a Community Grant Scheme to support projects, events and activities in Macclesfield that demonstrate a benefit to residents and communities in the town.



Macclesfield Council has, to date, granted around £70,000 through its Community Grant Scheme to activities as diverse as the Potato Riot to the provision of community training.

There are two streams of funding, the small grants up to £250 and the larger fund up to £2,000. Information on the grants is available from our website or by emailing community@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk.

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0300 123 5500

Cheshire East Highways

Roads, potholes, roadworks, street lighting, parking & blue badge scheme

0300 123 5020

Cheshire East Waste

Bin collections, household waste, street cleansing & permits

0300 123 5011

Cheshire East Development Control

Planning applications, building regulations, tree preservation orders

0300 123 5014

Cheshire East Social Services

Adult social care, occupational health, assessments

0300 123 5010

Cheshire East Council Tax

APayments, business rates, changes of details

0300 123 5013



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First Nerf Champions



On Saturday 2nd September, the first ever official British Nerf Championships took place in South Park, Macclesfield. Participants made their way over a giant inflatable obstacle course while aiming their foam darts at targets along the way. Stephen Singletary became adult champion and Oliver Harding took the title for the Juniors.

Over £400 was raised for East Cheshire Hospice on the day. The event will be back bigger and better for 2018!



Carols around the Tree

On Thursday 7th December 5:30pm-6:30pm, people are invited to gather around the Market Place Christmas Tree and sing carols in memory of loved ones. During the weeks leading up to the event, people are invited to write a message on a star which will then be hung on the tree prior to the event. Stars can be collected from the Visitor Information Centre, St Michaels Church, the URC, Park Green and Macclesfield Cemetery.

Tree of Light
Carols around the Tree
Thursday 7th December
Market Place, Macclesfield
5:30pm-6:30pm



Stars can be collected and written on from 9th October and must be returned by 10th November to one of the hubs listed above. We look forward to welcoming you at the event.

Meetings & Events

Council Meetings

Planning Committees as advertised

13th Nov Services Committee - Town Hall 7pm

20th Nov Finance Committee - Town Hall 7pm

27th November Council - Town Hall 7.15pm

Events

14th October - Welly Walk - West Park

28th October - Halloween Pumpkin Path and Spooky Cafe - Market Place

11th November - Armistice Day Service

12th Nov - Remembrance Sunday Parade

25th November - Christmas Lights Switch On

7th December - Tree of Light Carols - Market Place

17th December - Treacle Market - Town Centre





Welly Walk

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On Saturday 14th October 11am-2pm, there will be a Welly Walk for families in West Park.

The free event, which is organised by Macclesfield Town Council, is designed to encourage outdoor play throughout the cooler seasons. There will be a mini forest school, hands on flint fire lighting lessons along with marshmallow toasting, den building, a static bush craft display, birds of prey, storytelling, bird watching, creepy crawlies and a Welly Wander around the park. The Welly Wander will involve locating clues around the park and carrying out a small activity to help appreciate the wonder in the great outdoors.



Autumn is a great time of year for families to get outside and play. This event will hopefully inspire more people to pull on their wellies and spend some time frolicking through the fallen leaves and having fun outside throughout the colder weather'.

Forest school sessions encourage curiosity, exploration, creativity and decision making in young people. We hope people attending take a positive feeling away with them about playing in the outdoors. The area near the Museum will be used for the event.



Halloween comes to Macclesfield

For some spook-tastic fun, head down to Market Place on Saturday 28th October 10am-2pm to hunt for pumpkins, have a drink at the haunted house pop up café, and enjoy some treats...or tricks!

There will be a prize for the best Halloween costume and the best pre-carved pumpkin.

Drop your already carved pumpkins off in the Market Place from 10am. Judging will take place at midday when you can take your fiendish pumpkin friend away with you. We hope we can Count-Dracula you in for the fun!

