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RENOVATED PLAY AREAS LOOKING GREAT

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON



Saturday 1st December
12pm - 6pm
Market Square

TREE OF LIGHT



Thursday 6th December
5.30 - 6.30pm
Market Square

OLDER PERSON'S DAY



Friday 7th December
12pm - 2pm
CORE, Upton Priory

**Also inside - Free Town Centre Wifi, New pocket park
and Christmas events schedule**

Play Area Renovations

Two local play areas have been renovated over the summer and are now looking great.



Macclesfield Town Council has invested £100,000 split between the High Street play area and Hall Grove in Tytherington. Both have been given much needed improvements.

New equipment has been installed and the children are really enjoying it. Thanks to all those that came along to the public consultation sessions in June to see the plans and give their comments.

The parks were officially opened by the Mayor of Macclesfield, Councillor Adam Schofield. Many families came along to try the new equipment and there was also face painting, balloons and snack boxes handed out.



High Street and Hall Grove are part of what will be an ongoing project to refresh the town's play areas. We hope that families can enjoy the new equipment, which encourages outdoor play all year round.

The plan is for a further two parks to be renovated in 2019/20 and we will be considering carefully which locations would benefit most from this investment.



Windy Welly Walk a success



On a blustery Saturday 13th October there was an outdoor play themed activity in West Park – Welly Walk and Nature Needs You.

The free event, which was organised by Macclesfield Town Council, was so popular last year that Macclesfield RSPB Wildlife Explorers asked if they could combine their annual event Nature Needs You with the Welly Walk.

Despite the rain and wind storm, almost 1,000 people pulled on their wellies and waterproofs to enjoy the activities on offer. This year saw the introduction of a 'Storytelling tepee' which provided a cosy retreat away from the weather, with the sound of self-penned stories from local actress Emily Anslow, including the Witches of West Park and the Trolls of Teggs Nose. The Mayor of Macclesfield Cllr Adam Schofield also hosted storytime and read *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson.



Macclesfield RSPB Wildlife Explorers provided activities including the making of bird boxes, lavender bag making, bird feeders, seed planting and lots more. There was also a mini forest school, hands-on flint fire lighting lessons along with marshmallow toasting, birds of prey, storytelling, birdwatching, creepy crawlies and a Welly Walk around the park.



This event will hopefully inspire more people to pull on their wellies and spend some time kicking through the fallen leaves and having fun outside throughout the colder weather.



The Plastic Pledge

Town councillor Gareth Jones and Community Engagement and Events Officer Helena Gowler were challenged to reduce plastic waste as part of the Macc-tastic Less Plastic event at the Barnaby Festival, which was set up to help educate people about the reducing the amount of single-use plastic.



Gareth added: "We recycle a lot, but we should be reducing as well, and this challenge was a perfect way of showing that. I've challenged the other councillors to do the same and so far most of them seem keen. I think it's an important exercise because you can physically see how much would be wasted."

They were shocked by the amount of plastic waste amassed during the trial, with recyclable coffee cups, plastic water bottles and meat packaging as the highest offenders.

Cllr Jones, who lives with his wife in Macclesfield and represents Tytherington ward, said: "For two weeks I didn't put anything in the recycling bin and kept everything separate.

In the first week I went through it to see what was single use, and the second week I made an effort to reduce it."



Macclesfield Town Council is also getting behind the "plastic pledge" and handed out free reusable water bottles and reusable beeswax wraps - an eco-friendly alternative to clingfilm - during the festival.

Why not try and reduce the amount of plastic waste produced in your own household. If you are interested in getting more involved, contact macctasticlessplastic@gmail.com.



Prince's Trust Middlewood Way Project

Macclesfield Town Council has supported a team on a 12 week Prince's Trust development programme aimed at helping them get into training, education or work.

They have completed the community project phase which is aimed at giving back to the community and building relationships with new partners. They improved the underpass on the Middlewood Way near TESCO.



A lot of hard work was put in by the team to make this area feel safer, more attractive and hopefully help reduce anti-social behaviour. Councillor Adam Schofield said "I was delighted to work with the Macclesfield Prince's Trust team as they completed their 12 week programme.

My aim was to support the team throughout the programme, calling in to see them every week. It was important to me that the team see and feel the weight of the town behind them, willing them on to succeed and to break down the barriers that were potentially holding them back from pursuing and achieving their ambitions. I am delighted to see the great work achieved on the Middlewood Way."



Amazing Macc Half Marathon



The Macclesfield Half Marathon took place on 23rd September. The event, supported by Macclesfield Town Council, saw more than 1,100 runners put their stamina to the test.

The annual challenge - which also includes a fun run and a 5km route, raised a fantastic £10,000 for local charities Rossendale Trust, Just Drop-In and Cre8 who do great work in the Macclesfield area.

The firing gun was started by Mayor Councillor Adam Schofield, who along with fellow Councillors Beverley Dooley, Liz Durham and Gareth Jones helped at the finish line.

Paralympic gold medallist, Menna Fitzpatrick, was also there to lend her support to the runners and present prizes. Well done to all those that took part and helped make the event such a success.



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Free Town Centre Wifi

Macclesfield Council has installed a free town centre wifi available throughout the town centre pedestrianised area, as well as Sunderland Street, Park Green, Waters Green, Mill Street and Chestergate. Just select "Macclesfield Free Wifi" on your phone (or device).

Commenting on the launch of this new service, Pete Turner, the Town Clerk of Macclesfield said, "The council is working at adding value to the town centre's regeneration through public realm and access improvement projects. This new project provides free wifi for the town centre, helping with connectivity in this digital age. Now visitors can arrive in the town centre, even step off a train, and immediately make use of this facility."



The Macclesfield free wifi project provides access to the internet free of charge via a network of signal repeaters in the town's pedestrianised area, as well as Mill Street, Park Green, Sunderland Street and Waters Green. The scheme will also be able to provide anonymous information on visitor numbers, or footfall data, which will help identify areas for improvement.

Older Person's Party

A free Christmas party for older people will be held on Friday 7th December. The event, which follows on from a successful afternoon tea on Older Person's Day in October, will be an opportunity for older people aged 65 and over to come together to celebrate.

If you would like to come along, or know someone that would benefit from a few hours of company and good food, please book your free place by calling Macclesfield Town Council on 01625 374142 or emailing admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Places are on a first come, first served basis. We hope to see you there.



**Older Person's Christmas
party**
FREE to attend,
Booking essential



Friday 7th December
12-2pm
Church of the Resurrection
'CORE'
Upton Priory
SK10 3HT

To book your place, call 01625 374142
or email admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk





Our first Honorary Freeman Award

Macclesfield Town Council presented John Askey, previous Manager of Macclesfield Town Football Club, with an Honorary Freeman of Macclesfield Award.

He received the award in recognition of his long and dedicated contribution to the football club and town. John masterminded Macclesfield Town Football Club's return to League Two for the first time since 2012 by winning the National League by 10 points. John's association with Macclesfield Town dates back to 1984 and over the last three decades he has been a player, a coach and a manager.



The presentation took place at the Town Hall and was attended by Macclesfield Town Councillors along with John's family and friends.

Councillor Adam Schofield, Mayor of Macclesfield said "I was delighted to present John Askey with the 'Honorary Freeman of Macclesfield' for his long and dedicated service to Macclesfield. It is the highest award that the Town Council can bestow and is the first time we have given such a prestigious award.

Cllr. Gareth Jones, who proposed the award, gave a speech highlighting the many reasons which made John worthy of our highest honour. John, along with his family and friends, were there to share in the special event."

John has since moved on from Macclesfield Town Football Club and accepted the position of Manager at Shrewsbury Town Football Club and we wish him every success.

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



A Pocketful of Greenery

A band of green fingered volunteers are transforming the town's forgotten spaces into green spaces.

In an effort to breathe new life into the town centre, volunteers from Macclesfield Garden Festival have completed their first "pocket garden".

This is the first of 10 planned pocket gardens in and around the town, as part of an effort to create more green spaces and improve pedestrian routes.

The Town Council funds the plants and materials, but we couldn't do it without the commitment of the volunteers.

We look forward to working with the Garden Festival team and helping them deliver further projects in the Town.



A smart way to deter burglars



Macclesfield Town Council is funding a local police initiative to deter and prevent domestic burglaries.

“Operation Shield” involves providing households at risk with a kit containing smart liquid with which occupants mark their valuables. The liquid dries invisible to the

naked eye and contains a unique code registered to that address. Should the household be unfortunate enough to be a victim of burglary, then any recovered property can easily be identified and returned and the police can secure strong evidence to prosecute the offender. Studies have shown that in areas where the kits are installed, there is a significant reduction in burglaries.

To date nearly 1000 kits have been given out by local police officers, along with Councillors. There are still a number of kits to be deployed to areas that the local officers have identified as vulnerable, or where a burglary pattern has emerged.

What a lot of events we've had this year - here's just a few...

Barnaby Festival

The seventh Barnaby Festival took place in June. The theme was Routes/Roots. The 10 day festival was a huge success and will return in 2020. You can find out more at www.barnabyfestival.org.uk



Macclesfield Food Festival

The first official Macclesfield Food Festival was a fantastic success, attracting thousands of visitors to the event, enjoying cuisine from around the world. We'll bring you more details of the 2019 festival, when they're announced.

Macclesfield Pride

Youth Support Service worked in partnership with Macclesfield Town Council and local councillors to organise the first ever Macclesfield Pride on July 28th 2018. The day was great fun, raised awareness and celebrated diversity.



Armed Forces Day

The first Macclesfield Armed Forces Day event took place on Sunday 1st July, with a well-attended parade through the town. The parade was comprised of local veterans, cadets and scouts from across local communities. The Mayor of Macclesfield, Cllr Adam Schofield, took the salute. This was followed by a small service of thanksgiving outside the Town Hall.



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 Helena.gowler@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk.

Useful Contacts

Macclesfield Town Council

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Cllr Janet Jackson MBE - janet.jackson@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Macclesfield East Ward

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Hurdsfield Ward

Cllr Matt Sharrocks - matt.sharrocks@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

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Cllr Neil Puttick - neil.puttick@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

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Cllr Gareth Jones - gareth.jones@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

West & Ivy Ward

Cllr Alift Harewood MBE - alift.harewood@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Cllr Adam Schofield - adam.schofield@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Cheshire East Council

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

Payments, business rates, changes of details

0300 123 5013





Your guide to Macclesfield Festive events in 2018

King's School Christmas Fair

Saturday 24 November

12:30-3:30pm.

Cumberland Street, Macclesfield, SK10 1DA

Stalls, games, refreshments, Christmas shopping opportunities and the chance to meet Father Christmas.



Treacle Market

Sunday 25th November 10am-3.30pm

Just the place for Christmas shopping with more than a dash of traditional Christmas spirit. Head to Treacle for the giant Christmas tree, brass bands, carol singers and roast chestnuts.

www.treaclemarket.co.uk

Macclesfield Christmas Light Switch on event and Christmas market

Saturday 1st December

12pm - 6pm

Santa's grotto and entertainment

Switch on at 5pm

Stage entertainment, face painting, fairground rides, food and drink, fireworks.



St Paul's Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December

10.30am - 12.30pm

St Paul's Churchyard, Macclesfield

Stalls, games, Father Christmas, Brass Band, raffle and more. 50p entry



SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

THE 2018
BIG
SWITCH ON

12:00-6:00pm
LIVE stage
entertainment

FAIRGROUND RIDES

Christmas Craft Fair
in the Town Hall

Hand made Cards & Gifts from
local Crafters, 10:30am-4:00pm

FREE Children's
face painting

@MarketPlace

Christmas Market

STREET ENTERTAINERS

FOOD & DRINK

Kid's Entertainment

SANTAS GROTTO
12-3:30PM
In the Town Hall

FIREWORKS!

Watch Father Christmas Switch on the Lights!!!

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER 5PM





RSPB Tree Dressing and Silly Hat Competition

Sunday 2nd December 1.30 - 3.30pm

Teggs Nose Reservoir car park, Holehouse Lane,
Langley, SK11 0NB.



Taking inspiration from woodland folklore and the wildlife at Teggs Nose we will be using natural materials to create original seasonal sculptures to decorate the trees. Don't

forget your silly hat - prizes for the best ones!

For more information contact Tina Hanak 07870 804413

Marlborough Primary School PTA Fair

Friday 7th December 6pm

Marlborough Primary School



**East Cheshire
Hospice**

Where people come to live

Stockport Accordion Club Band in aid of East Cheshire Hospice

Friday 7th December 7.45pm

Broken Cross Club, Macclesfield

Tickets £8 each. Contact John Jones MBE on
07871 767708

Light refreshments available

St Paul's Christmas Brass Band Concert with Lions Youth Brass Band

Friday 7th December 7.30pm

Admission £7 on the door, £3 children.

Christmas Raffle and mulled wine and
mince pies



Older Person's Christmas Party

Friday 7th December 12 - 2pm

Church of the Resurrection, Upon Priory

Older Person's and Carer's Christmas Party

Friday 7th December 4 - 6pm

St Barnabas Church



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Snowman Sprint is a fantastic way for schools, brownies, cubs, beavers and any other youth groups to celebrate the festive season while raising vital funds for East Cheshire Hospice. Children, teachers, friends and families can take part, have lots of fun and raise vital funds for East Cheshire Hospice!

How does it work? It's simply a sponsored walk or run - you can set the date and distance, using your own playground, hall, field or local park. Just get in touch with us and we'll give you everything else you need. You'll get:

- Snowman hats for all the children taking part, which they get to keep afterwards
- Santa suits for the teachers, to lead your 'little snowman'
- Envelopes to collect sponsorship money from friends & family

We can even visit your school or group to speak to everyone about the Snowman Sprint and tell them how their support will make all the difference this Christmas.

To book your Sprint or to find out more please call us on 01625 433477 or email us events@echospice.org.uk





Open the Door StoryTime by Candlelight

Saturday 8th December 10am-11.15am

Tytherington Family Worship Community Hall,
Sandwich Drive, SK10 2UD

Booking essential. Contact Ruth 07553 566070
www.openthedoor.org.uk



Christmas Tree Festival

St James the Great Church, Gawsworth
Saturday 8th - Sunday 16th December
11.30am - 4.30pm

Evening openings Tuesday 11th and
Thursday 13th December 6.30 - 8.30pm
Stalls and refreshments in the church
meeting room

Open the Door

Christmas PlayTime with Santa

Wednesday 19th December 10.00am-11.00am at
the Community Hall Tytherington Family Worship
SK10 2UD

Booking is essential. Contact Ruth 07553566070.



ROAR Christmas Evening

Friday 21st December at 7pm

St Michael's Church, Macclesfield

We invite you all to join us for Christmas cheer
and fun

St Paul's Community Churchyard Carols

Friday 22nd December 6:30pm

A free event for the whole community with mulled
wine and mince pies. Everyone welcome, including
your 4 legged friends.





Silk Brass

Christmas Concert

Carols and festive music

St. Michael's Parish Church,
Market Place, Macclesfield

Saturday 22nd December 7.30pm

£8 Under 16 - Free

including refreshments

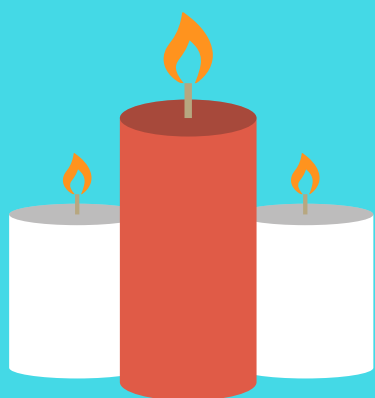
**Tickets from: Tourist Information, Town Hall, or
on the door on the night**

www.silkbrassband.co.uk Reg.d Charity No.:1148885



Macclesfield Youth Brass Band Christmas Concert

Saturday 15th December at 7pm
Fallibroome Academy Performance Hall
Ticket enquiries to admin@mybb.org.uk



A Victorian Christmas at the Old Sunday School

Saturday 15th December from 11am
The Old Sunday School, Macclesfield, SK11 6UT
Meet Father Christmas in the traditional Victorian parlour!

Admission charge will apply.

Carols for All

Monday 17th December at 7pm
United Reformed Church, Macclesfield
with the Thomas Cranmer Choir
Tickets £3



ROAR Christmas Dinner

Christmas Day, 25th December at 2pm
United Reformed Church, Macclesfield
Three course meal and presents with Father and Mother Christmas for those who are alone at Christmas time. All are welcome but nobody under the influence.

www.reachoutandrecover.org





Christmas Treacle Market

Sunday December 23rd 10am-3.30pm

For last minute gift shopping and exceptional food and drink for your Festive table. Local pies, chocolates, beers, cakes, liqueurs, tarts and delicacies. Bring the family along; stamp your feet by the brass band and clutch a cup of hot spiced wine by the big Christmas tree and feel Christmas settle on Macclesfield this year.

Christmas donkey rides for little ones on the church lawns.

www.treaclemarket.org.uk



St Michael's Church Christmas Services, Market Place



Journey into Light art exhibition, 22nd Nov – 2nd Dec 10.30am to 3.00pm
(art work from women at Styal prison)

Advent Carol Service, Sun 2nd Dec 6.30pm

East Cheshire Hospice "Light up a Life" Christmas service, Sat 8th Dec 3.00pm

Christingle Service, in aid of the Children's Society, Sun 9th Dec 4:00pm

Carols around the Crib, Sat 15th Dec from 1pm

Christmas Concert by KEMS (King Edward Musical Society), Sat 15th Dec 7.30pm

All Age Nativity, Sun 16th Dec 10:30am

Christmas Concert - ROAR (Reach and Recover), Fri 21st Dec 7pm

Christmas Concert by Silk Brass, Sat 22nd Dec, 7.30pm

Carols by Candlelight ('Service of 9 Lessons and Carols'), Sun 23rd Dec 6.30pm

Christmas Eve Crib Service, Mon 24th Dec 4pm

Midnight Communion, Mon 24th Dec, 11.30pm

Christmas Day Communion, Tues 25th Dec 10.30am

Town Carol Service, Thurs 20th Dec 7:30pm

For all those who live, work and volunteer in the Town Centre





Tree of Light Carols around the Tree

Thursday 6th December
5:30pm-6:30pm
Market Place, Macclesfield

Come along to enjoy carols around the tree in memory of loved ones.

Collect your memory star to write a message on, from the Visitor Information Centre, St Michael's Church, Santander (Mill St), the United Reformed Church, Park Green or Macclesfield Cemetary Office and return by Friday 9th November so that it can be hung on the tree prior to the event



For information email admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk or call
01625 374142





Merry Christmas!



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Macclesfield, sign up to our mailing
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