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# MaccUpdate

**Macclesfield Council Community Newsletter**



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# Welly Walk a huge success



On Saturday 12th October, around 2,000 people pulled their wellies on and joined in with the Welly Walk and Nature Needs You event in West Park.



Hosted by Macclesfield Town Council and Macclesfield RSPB Wildlife Explorers, there were lots of nature related activities to enjoy including a nature trail, a chance to hold some creepy crawlies, flint fire lighting, marshmallow toasting and of course the famous giant storytelling tepee!

Local actor Emily Anslow entertained families with tales about nature and conservation in Macclesfield, and storytime with the Mayor, Cllr Janet Jackson MBE saw lots of children enjoying the popular children's book 'Six Dinner Sid' by author Inga Moore.

Macclesfield RSPB Wildlife Explorers kept everyone busy making lavender bags, seed bombs, bird feeders, nest boxes and treats for garden creatures. The free event, which is organised by Macclesfield Town Council, is designed to encourage outdoor play throughout the cooler seasons. Helena Gowler, Community Engagement Office for Macclesfield Town Council, commented that 'Welly Walk and Nature Needs You has become a regular event in the annual calendar and we always know autumn has arrived when the event comes around.

'It was fantastic to see so many families taking part in the nature activities and taking treats for their garden birds away with them.'

Welly Walk and Nature Needs You will return in 2020!





# Christmas Lights Switch On Event

Macclesfield Town Council



# 2019 Switch on event

FREE  
Children's

Face  
Painting



Live Stage  
Entertainment

Christmas  
Market



Food and Drink



Craft Fair  
(Town Hall)

Santa's Grotto  
12-4.30pm  
(Town Hall)



Fireworks!



Saturday 30th November, 12pm - 6pm  
Market Place, Macclesfield





# Great Feedback on new Town Ranger service

Macclesfield has its first Town Ranger to tackle town maintenance and grot spots. The new service addresses issues raised through recent consultations, where residents have commented that they would like to see a concerted effort to tackle litter, dog fouling, graffiti and the general appearance of the town.

Adrian Bullock, who has been Ranger since April, has already made a big difference to the town. He visits each ward on a regular basis to clear messy areas, repair and maintain benches and street furniture and also report and chase larger issues for repair, such as highways and public property maintenance. He has also been involved with the summer planting around the town.

This new service has been well received by many, with a number of kind comments being shared with us.

**"So many small improvements across the town - but they all add up! Keep up the good work"**

**"It's great to see all these jobs being done around our wonderful town - keep up the good work"**



**"Thank you so much for all your efforts. Much appreciated"**



We've been sharing images and updates of Adrian's work on social media (Twitter & Facebook). You can follow him online and submit your comments and suggestions for projects we might be able to help with.

As well as the general maintenance the Town Ranger has done so far this year, Adrian has also been working on floral displays around the town. He's been planting bulbs in Tytherington, the Moss and Hurdsfield, as well as introducing sustainable planting displays to some flower beds around the town.





# Older People and Carers' Christmas Party



## Older People and Carers Christmas Party

**Wednesday 4th December**

**4pm until 6pm**

**St Barnabas Church**

**Lyme Avenue**

**Macclesfield**



*Party tea, Bingo, Music, Tombola, Raffle and lots of fun*



**To Book a place please ring Jayne on 07736621775**

A free event for older people will be held on Wednesday 4th December at St Barnabas Church, Lyme Avenue, Macclesfield.

The complimentary tea party, supported by Macclesfield Town Council, will be an opportunity for older people aged 65 and over to come together to celebrate Christmas.

Cheshire  
East



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 Jayne on 07736 621775.

Places are on a first come, first served basis.



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# Council Supports Macclesfield Town FC Youth Project



Macclesfield Town Council is working with Macclesfield Town Football Club on a new football programme called Premier League Kicks. The programme uses the reach and appeal of the Premier League and network of professional football clubs to regularly engage children and young people of all backgrounds and abilities in football, sport and personal development, providing a trusted, positive influence in high-need areas across England and Wales.

The aim is to get as many youngsters aged between 8 and 16 years off the streets by taking part in the programme. The FREE sessions, held at Macclesfield Academy, are led by the Community Sports Trust team. One great opportunity that some of the participants will be able to do is represent Macclesfield Town at the Premier League Kicks cup. This gives some of the youngsters a chance to compete in a tournament and meet others from other clubs, and it brings all the clubs and participants together.

Jack Parry, from the Community Sports Trust team said "This programme is popular all over England delivered by other football clubs, and we are privileged to have this programme at our club." PL Kicks started in 2006 and has a long history of using the power of football and the value of sports participation to help youngsters in some of the most high-need areas. The scheme has also enabled thousands of youngsters to find routes into education, training and employment with volunteering being a key component.

Gillian Ainley, of Macclesfield Town Council added "It is a great opportunity to be part of this project, and we hope that those taking part will really benefit from these free sessions."





# Mayor's Charity Calendar

The Mayor will be hosting a series of events with proceeds donated to the Mayor's chosen charities, Just Drop In and Speaking Up Speaking Out.

Friday 22nd November 7pm - Dinner with Kings' Strings

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm - Carol Service

Friday 24th January 7.30pm - Beat the Winter Blues Quiz Night

Saturday 15th February 7pm - Magic Voices Choir

Friday 13th March 7pm - Charity Ball

Sunday 26th April 2pm - Afternoon Tea and Poetry

Thursday 7th May afternoon - Paradise Mill Tour

If you are interested in attending any of the above forthcoming events please contact [civic@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:civic@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk) or telephone 01625 374142.



## Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year in Macclesfield

Saturday 25th January

Parade from Market Place at 11:45am to The United Reformed Church, Park Green

Midday until 2pm there will be

FREE Chinese food tasting, crafts, and a chance to view art installations







# Britain in Bloom



We entered the Britain in Bloom contest for only the second time this year. Following on from last year's Silver Medal in the town centre category, we were entered in the Small City category, more challenging than last year.

The judges visited us on a lovely sunny day in July and met volunteers at the Community Garden Centre, Water Street Residents, Christchurch, the Heritage Walk and St Michael's Church. As well as this they were greeted by businesses on Church Street, who have been working hard on the displays around their shops and pubs.

We're pleased that Macclesfield received the Silver Gilt Medal, improving on last year's award. Thanks to all those who have been a part of this and now we must look to how we will improve on this for next year!

Since the summer we have been working on trying to help communities and volunteers who want to get involved with the floral displays in many different ways. We've set up a group for anyone who has an interest in growing things, the town's appearance or who just want to help with the floral displays or maybe litter picking. It's called Macclesfield in Bloom and it's led by volunteers (supported by the council) and already includes individual volunteers interested in civic pride, businesses and community groups.



If you are interested in getting involved in Macclesfield In Bloom or have an idea for a project you want to get off the ground, get in touch and let's see if we can help - email [clerk@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk), or call us on 01625 374142.





# Tree of Light



## Tree of Light Carols around the Tree

Thursday 5th December

6pm

Market Place, Macclesfield

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



For information email [admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk) or call  
01625 374142



# FREE Fitness Activities

## Pram Fit



Pram Fit is an exciting project which has been launched by Macclesfield Town Council. It is aimed at new parents who are looking to get back into fitness without the added pressure of needing to find a babysitter as pre-school children are welcome too! Pram Fit sessions will be based around slowly re-introducing exercise and incorporating prams and strollers.

Over the winter months Pram Fit will be held in St Pauls Church from 9.30am on Thursdays. Sessions will last for half an hour.

Women taking part will need to be at least 6 months post-natal.

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## Park Fit



In June, Macclesfield Town Council launched Park Fit, a free, weekly half hour fitness session in South Park led by a qualified personal trainer. Park Fit was introduced to provide an easy, free way for people to access guided physical activity tuition which they can then use outside of the sessions to kick start a healthier lifestyle.

The sessions take place currently in the grounds of Christ the King primary school on Thursdays at 6.00pm. Just come along and meet at the school car park.

For more information on either Park Fit or Pram Fit, please contact personal trainer Matthew Rigby PT on 07769 211684.





# FREE Street Sports

Macc Street Sports - you choose the game  
- it's not all football (but it is a bit)

## FREE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Supervised activities  
with qualified sports  
coaches

Open to all  
7 to 16 year olds

For more information contact Macclesfield Council on 01625 374142

**Tuesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm**  
**Jasmine Park MUGA, Broken Cross**

**Wednesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm**  
**Banbury Close Playing Fields**

**Thursdays - 6pm to 8pm**  
**South Park Multi-Sports Area**

**Every Week!**

This is an informal service, children can come and go as they please and remain the responsibility of parents or guardians, not the responsibility of the sports coaches or council



### You choose the sports:

The sports coaches come equipped with loads of sports equipment so you have a huge choice of sports and games on the night, such as tennis, basketball, rounders, netball, cricket and much more.

### Professional Sports Coaches:

Working in partnership with Peak Active Sport, the coaches are all qualified and professional and provide support and encouragement for the children taking part.

### Active Kids:

Physical activity benefits us all in terms of our physical health and our mental health. It increases our opportunities to socialise and improve our skills.

**And don't forget ....**  
**this is totally FREE!**





# 2019 Forthcoming events



## Community Events

30 November - Christmas Lights Switch On  
5 December - Tree of Light Event  
25 January - Chinese New Year

## Council Meetings

18 November 7pm Services Committee  
25 November 7pm Finance Committee  
29 November 10.30am Planning Committee  
16 December 7pm Full Council  
20 December 10am Planning Committee  
17 January 10.30am Planning Committee  
20 January 7pm Finance Committee  
27 January 7pm Services Committee  
7 February 10.30am Planning Committee  
28 February 10.30am Planning Committee  
9 March 7pm Finance Committee  
16 March 7pm Full Council

## Useful Contacts

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### Councillors

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### 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

