

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

VOLUME 7



# MaccUpdate

MACCLESFIELD COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### CHINESE NEW YEAR



Saturday 2nd February  
10.00am - 12.30pm  
United Reformed Church, Park Green

### MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL



Saturday 23rd February  
Shrigley Hall

**Also inside - Britain in Bloom, Mayor's Charity Ball, Junior Parkrun, Forthcoming Events**



## Christmas Lights Event Success



The annual Christmas lights switch on event took place on Saturday 1st December and was a great success with more than 3,000 people enjoying the fun. The milder weather that day certainly helped everyone enjoy themselves.

The event was opened by Macclesfield Youth Brass Band who played carols around the Christmas tree.



Local bands and singers including Klazomaniacs, Leah Goodhind, Cosmic Calling and Dandelion Rose took to the stage providing an excellent mix of music and a great afternoon's entertainment.

Macclesfield Town Councillor Gareth Jones, pictured below, stepped in to compere the event and did a wonderful job.

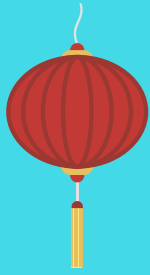


Father Christmas was in attendance and met children in his grotto in the town hall. There was also a craft fair, Christmas gift themed stalls in Market Place and free children's face painting.

Victorian carol singers and a naughty Christmas tree act performed around the town centre and kept crowds amused. The lights were turned on by Father Christmas followed by an impressive fireworks display.

Thank you to all those that took part in the event and helped to make it such a success. Here's to this year!





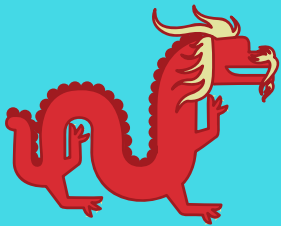
# Chinese New Year

## Saturday 2nd February



On Saturday 2nd February, Macclesfield will be celebrating its silk links with China with a FREE Chinese New Year celebration event organised by Macclesfield Town Council.

Following a Chinese dragon parade from Market Place, everyone is welcome to the free event at the United Reformed Church for a photo opportunity with the dragon, to taste authentic Chinese food, view themed art installations and enjoy some art and craft activities. There will also be a unique opportunity for families to take part in a workshop to have a go at the Guzheng instrument, guided by a musician from the Manchester Chinese Centre.



Food will be served until 2:30pm and the art installations will remain at the United Reformed Church to be viewed until Wednesday 6th February.

Macclesfield Town Council has commissioned Macclesfield Community Artspace to work with local schools to produce Chinese themed artwork.



The two art installations featured will be 'A Whisper of Moths' and 'Great Wall of Friendship'. Children involved with creating these are invited to join in with the dragon parade which will leave Market Place at 11:45am, travelling to the United Reformed Church at Park Green for the opening of the event at midday.

Helena Gowler, Community Engagement Officer for Macclesfield Town Council commented that 'This is the first time we have held this event and if it is well received, we will look to build on this year after year. This is a free event for the community and we hope to see lots of people there'.

Councillor Gareth Jones, Chair of the Silk Friendship Group said 'The staff and councillors at Macclesfield Town Council have been working on this event for some time. We are looking forward to welcoming local people and visitors to a community event that will celebrate Chinese New Year (Year Of The Pig) and highlight the Silk Heritage that Macclesfield has to offer.'







## Blooming Well Done!

Macclesfield won a silver medal in the Britain in Bloom competition in our first year of entry. Thanks to the council and volunteers who put in a lot of hard work to get the town looking great. Cllr Janet Jackson MBE and Cllr Philip Bolton are pictured with the award.



If you want to be part of the growing team of volunteers and make a difference then please get in touch and we'll work together on next year's entry. Please telephone 01625 374142 or email [admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk).

## Spring Bulb planting at bird sanctuary



The community came together recently at the bird sanctuary on Kendal Rd to plant some bulbs ready for the spring.



Children from local schools, residents, ward councillors and grounds staff all pitched in to plant hundreds of daffodil and tulip bulbs which had been provided by Macclesfield Town Council. Looking forward to the display in Spring!



# Winter Street Sports

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

# FREE

Supervised activities  
with qualified sports  
coaches

# YOUTH

Open to all  
7 to 16 year olds

# ACTIVITIES

For more information contact Macclesfield Council on 01625 374142

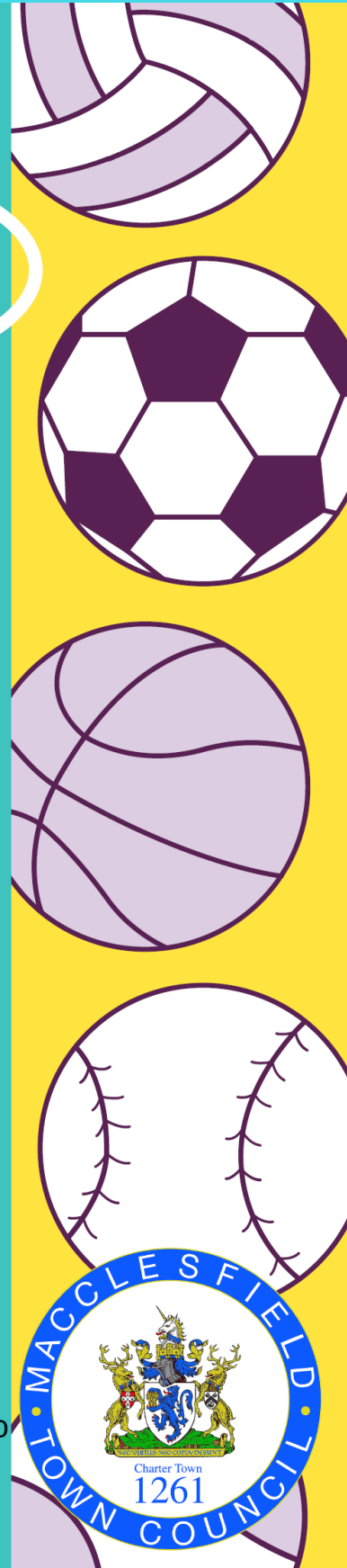
**Tuesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm**  
**Jasmine Park MUGA, Broken Cross**

**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







# Mayor's Charity Ball 23rd February



The Mayor, Councillor Adam Schofield will be holding a Charity Ball on Saturday 23rd February at Shrigley Hall near Macclesfield.

The Ball is open to everyone and is in support of the Mayor's chosen charities Macclesfield Branch of Royal British Legion and Cheshire Streetwise

If you are interested in attending please contact Macclesfield Town Council for a booking form on 01625 374142 or email [civic@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:civic@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)





## NEW EVENT! Junior Parkrun



Following on from the success of parkrun which takes place in South park every Saturday morning, a junior parkrun has now been set up aimed at children aged between 4 and 14.



The junior parkrun is a fun, free event organised by volunteers for the benefit of everyone. It takes place every Sunday morning at Victoria Park, Macclesfield and is 2000m (2K) long. The course is run entirely on tarmac paths.

Why not go along to support the event or encourage your children to take part.

For more information visit the website [www.parkrun.org.uk/victoriamacclesfield-juniors/course/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/victoriamacclesfield-juniors/course/)



## Calling all cyclists Saturday 11th May



Are you a cycling fan? A fantastic event will be coming in the summer. We can only tell you the date at the moment but please mark it on your calendar as you won't want to miss this.

More information will follow soon.





## 2019 Forthcoming events

2 February - Chinese New Year celebration  
3 February - Mayor's Big Thank You Event  
23 February - Mayor's Charity Ball  
5 March - Pancake Race  
14 March - Youth Summit  
17 March - Rotary Swimathon 1.30pm  
5 April - 10am - 9pm Foodie Friday  
14 April - 11am - 3pm St George's Day event  
(Parade 2.30pm)  
3 May - 10am-9pm Foodie Friday  
4 May - Star Wars Day - Characters will be in  
town from 10am - 4pm  
11th May - Cycling event  
7 June - 10am-9pm Foodie Friday  
8 June - Macclesfield Food Festival  
22 June - MaccPOW!  
21/22 June - Macclesfield Garden Festival  
29 June - Armed Forces Day  
6 July - Macclesfield Pride  
12 October - Welly Walk, West Park

### Council Meetings

18 January 9.30am Planning Committee  
21 January 7pm Services Committee  
28 January 7pm Finance Committee  
1 February 9.30am Planning Committee  
4 February 7pm Full Council  
22 February 9.30am Planning Committee  
11 March 7pm Services Committee  
15 March 9.30am Planning Committee  
15 March 11am Personnel Committee  
18 March 7pm Full Council  
5 April 9.30am Planning Committee  
26 April 9.30am Planning Committee  
29 April 7pm Finance Committee

---

## Town Ranger

Macclesfield Town Council is now in the process of recruiting a Town Ranger to help with maintenance and the appearance of the town..

Town Clerk, Pete Turner said "Recent budget consultation feedback showed strong support for appointing a Town Ranger to help keep the town looking great. Whilst the Ranger will spend their time in the town centre, they will also visit each ward to deal with any areas that need attention."

We hope that the Ranger's appointment will make a difference in keeping our town looking clean and tidy.

