



MaccUpdate

Macclesfield Council Community Newsletter



**The Bikeathon is
returning!**



**Easter Trail
Sat 4th and Sat 11th April**



**VE Day
Celebrations**

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Street Sports, new AEDs, Chinese New Year**



Bikeathon 2020

Get on your bike for a good cause



Macclesfield is gearing up to welcome back the Macclesfield Bikeathon event which proved popular in the town for almost 20 years.

The Bikeathon which is funded by Macclesfield Town Council, returned to the town in 2019 and saw a fantastic 189 riders taking part. This year's event will take place on Saturday 16th May and will raise money for local charity Just Drop In.

The rides will all start and end in Market Place in the town centre. Here there will be lots of family activities and stalls to enjoy.

There will be 3 route options, a 12-mile family ride, a 33-mile route around the beautiful Cheshire Plain and for those looking for a more challenging ride, there is a 64 mile route on offer.

The event is being organised by Darren Allgood from Allgood Cycling who said 'organising the Bikeathon is such a rewarding experience. We get to work with brilliant local people generating community spirit and promoting health and fitness while raising money for local charity Just Drop In. Get on your bikes for a great cause!'

● 3 route options ●

**12 mile family ride
or Cheshire plain 33
or 64 mile** ●

● **All routes start in
Market Place** ●

● **Lots of family
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Helena Gowler, Community Engagement Officer for Macclesfield Town Council commented that 'last year, the Town Council supported the return of the Bikeathon and it was great to see so many people taking part. We are delighted to be involved with the event again. This year there is the added bonus of a community event in the town centre which we are really looking forward to. Making physical activity the fun and easy option is important to the Town Council and the Bikeathon is a perfect fit with this.'

To book your place and to find out more visit allgoodcycling.co.uk





Chinese New Year Celebrations

On Saturday 25th January, Macclesfield families came along in their hundreds to celebrate Chinese New Year.



To welcome the year of the rat, Macclesfield Town Council in partnership with Macclesfield Community Artspace organised a dragon parade to set off from Market Place. This was followed by a free event at the United Reformed Church. The dragon was joined by the beautiful Ruby the Rat and Silky the Pig from last year's celebrations to mark the year of the pig.

Before the parade set off, people enjoyed the sounds of Tytherington School Mandarin class choir in Market Place.

The parade made its way to the United Reformed Church at Park Green where people were welcomed with a chance to taste some authentic food, Chinese inspired crafts including shadow puppet making, calligraphy and a chance to try on some authentic outfits as well as an opportunity to view the shadow puppet installations created by local schools and care homes.

Helena Gowler, Community Engagement and Events Officer for Macclesfield Town Council commented that 'Once again, hundreds of people came out to enjoy Chinese New Year in Macclesfield. It was great to see so many people enjoying the parade despite the cold weather! Celebrating Macclesfield's links with China is important to us and we couldn't have done it without the help of all the organisations and volunteers involved.'



We are already looking forward to 2021 when we will celebrate the year of the ox.



Pancake Day Races

The historic Shrove Tuesday event, supported by Macclesfield Town Council, saw competitors sprinting up and down Mill Street outside Macclesfield Town Hall while tossing pancakes. The competing teams ran a relay race up and down a short course between two points while flipping a pancake in a frying pan.



All money raised this year will go towards East Cheshire NHS Trust's minibus appeal, which is aiming to raise £45,000 for a wheelchair-accessible minibus needed to help patients, many of whom may be elderly and reliant on public transport, to return home once they no longer need a hospital bed.

Pictured are Macclesfield Town Councillors Neil Puttick, Fiona Wilson and David Edwardes along with Brian Puddicombe, Cheshire East Councillor.

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.

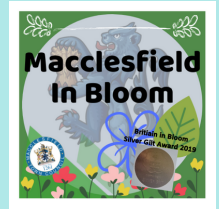
Until the spring weather arrives, the sessions take place at All Hallows Catholic College sports hall on Thursdays at 5.30pm. Just come along, no need to book a place.

Pram Fit will return after Easter in South Park.

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



Macclesfield in Bloom Going for Gold



Macclesfield in Bloom was awarded a Silver Gilt medal in the Britain in Bloom awards for the first time last year. Just one short of the Gold Medal, the Silver Gilt is an achievement beyond our 2018 Silver Medal.

This year we are going for gold and need your help. Macclesfield has only entered the competition for the past two years and builds on the displays installed by Macclesfield Town Council, but draws on the support and hard work of a number of volunteers who give their time and energy to improve spaces where they live, work and spend time.

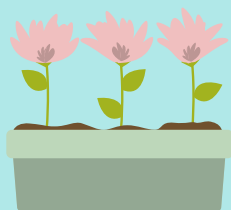


The judges came to Macclesfield in July and were shown round the town by the Mayor of Macclesfield, Cllr Janet Jackson MBE, John Williams, who is leading the Macc in Bloom group's development and engagement, and our very own Town Ranger, who has been working with volunteers as well as on his own to plant more and more areas in the town. The judges visited the Community Garden Centre, Heritage Walk, Water Street, Christchurch, Sparrow Park, St Michael's church and businesses in the town centre.

This year we want to go for gold for Macclesfield and we are looking for any volunteers, residents or groups who have ideas of how they can be part of Macc in Bloom. We at Macclesfield Council will happily help and support them in any way we can to bring some more colour to the town. We are also looking for businesses who want to get involved and thanks to those who made such an effort last year.

If you would like to get involved as a group, individual or business, or have an idea for a Macc in Bloom project, you can contact the team through Macclesfield Town Council on 01625 374142 or admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk. You can also find the town council on social media.

We'd love to hear
from you



Have you got an
idea?



Would you like to
be involved?



Barnaby Festival

18th - 28th June

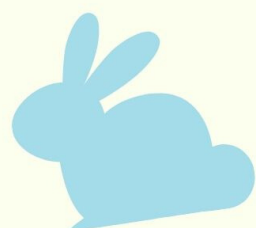


The seventh Macclesfield Barnaby Festival returns 18-28 June 2020 and is planning lots of different events from live music, great food, comedy, visual art, talks and walks. The 2020 theme is 'Vision', in all its many interpretations, inspired by Macclesfield's people, unique heritage, silk history and its place in the landscape.

The Festival is a 10-day arts and cultural festival that takes place every two years in June, a biennial celebration inspired by Macclesfield's rich history, heritage and culture. 'Pop Up' events also take place outside of festival season as part of a broader outreach programme.

Most live events will take place over the two weekends with a host of activities. There'll be some great events with a festival cool down at Treacle Market on Sunday 28th June.

For more information visit www.barnabyfestival.org.uk or Twitter @Barnaby Festival.



EASTER TRAIL



SATURDAY 4TH AND SATURDAY 11TH
APRIL

SETTING OFF FROM MARKETPLACE

Trails set off at 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm

COME ALONG AND HELP MRS GREENFINGERS FIND HER EASTER EGGS.
MEET THE WHITE RABBIT AND FRIENDLY FOX ALONG THE WAY.

FREE CHOCOLATE FOR EVERY CHILD WHO COMPLETES THE TRAIL





VE Day Celebrations



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 8TH MAY
SOUTH PARK BANDSTAND
12-4PM

Music concert in the bandstand
Stalls
Facepainting



The Cheshire Villages Great War Society will be
staging a Tribute Exhibition

Salvation Army Hall, Roe Street, Macclesfield

Friday 8th and Saturday 9th May

10am-5pm

To commemorate the Ladies and Gentlemen of
Macclesfield
who perished in WW2.

Community Grants

Macclesfield Town Council has been awarding grants to community groups since it was set up in 2015. Grants totalling around £40,000 have been given to a wide range of local charities and groups relating to areas such as social events and support for military service veterans, activities to combat social isolation, scout groups, craft groups and Macclesfield Pride.

Pete Turner, the Town Clerk of Macclesfield Town Council, commented that, "it has been one of the great pleasures of the council to help groups, individuals and events to support the community in Macclesfield. We have been able to help around 35 groups and activities in the town this year, projects supporting wildlife, allotments, activities for the young and older people, the homeless, high street, remembrance events and social events for those who have served the country.



We've funded work at the museum, Canalside radio and the East Cheshire Hospice, but would like to thank all the volunteers in Macclesfield who work so hard to improve the lives of their neighbours and fellow Maxonians. The grants are available again this coming financial year (from April) and we are looking forward to receiving applications from any groups that could use a little help from us."

The Community Grants are available to groups providing activities and services for the benefit of residents in Macclesfield. For more information on the grants available and how to apply please see the council's website.



Town Crier Competition

Sunday 29th March at Treacle Market



10:30am - Town Crier parade from Plums Kitchen to St Michaels Church Green

11:00am - 1:30pm competition takes place



Come along and watch the fun as town criers from around the country compete to be the best





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

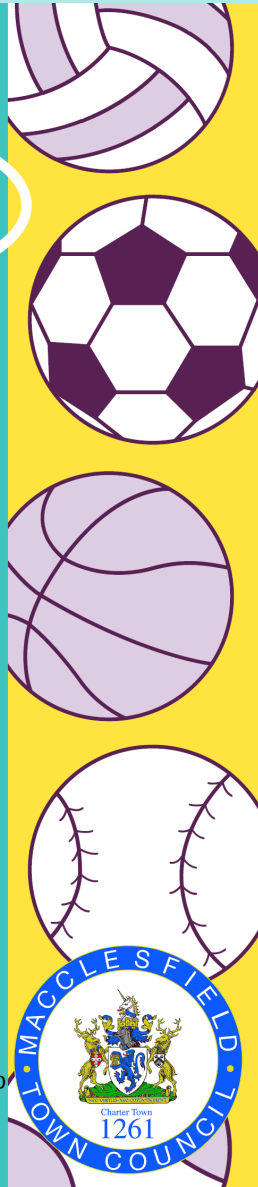
Tuesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Jasmine Park MUGA, Broken Cross

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.

Swimathon

Exercise for charity

Rotary

Club of
Macclesfield Castle



The Annual Rotary swimathon on Sunday 15th March at Macclesfield Leisure centre is just one of the activities to encourage you to spring into life and get exercising in this New Year. What better way to do this and be encouraged by friends, family or work colleagues and make up a swim team of 4 – 6 to fundraise for your choice of charity and those supported by The Rotary Club of Macclesfield Castle.

The Mayor Cllr Janet Jackson MBE is supporting Just Drop in and SUSO this year and they have already entered teams. Just go to the Rotary website macclesfieldcastlerotary.org.uk for details or call Alec at 07770 512421. Bring along a team and have a 'whale of a time'!



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Mayor's Civic Awards 2020

The Mayor of Macclesfield, Cllr Janet Jackson MBE, is pleased to announce the launch of this year's Civic Awards.

The award categories are:

- Community Involvement Civic Award
- Youth Civic Award
- Sporting and Leisure Civic Award
- Art and Culture Civic Award
- Environment Civic Award
- Independent Business Civic Award
- Ambassador of Macclesfield Civic Award
- Pride of Macclesfield Civic Award
- Lifetime Achievement Civic Award



The Mayor is very much looking forward to receiving and reviewing nominations: "This is a marvellous opportunity to recognise and thank those people who make such a great contribution to our community. Please come forward and nominate those volunteers who work so hard, with little thought for themselves, and make such a difference for the residents of Macclesfield."

Friday 3rd April - Closing date for nominations
Sunday 17th May - Award Ceremony

For a full description of the award categories, and how to nominate someone please contact Macclesfield Town Council on 01625 374142 or email civic@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk.

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 13th March 7pm - Charity Ball
Sunday 26th April 2pm - Afternoon Tea and Poetry
Thursday 7th May afternoon - Paradise Mill Tour

If you would like to attend any of these events please email civic@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk or phone the office on 01625 374142.





New AEDs for the town

Macclesfield Town Council has provided and installed two additional Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the safety of town residents.

The first unit is located on the corner of Brocklehurst Way and Manchester Road in Tytherington, housed inside a former telephone box. David Edwardes, ward councillor for Tytherington (pictured here with local resident Simon Palmer) identified the phone box as a suitable location and organised for Macclesfield Town Council to take responsibility for it, as well as coordinating the work involved to clean and prepare it ready for the AED installation.



The second is located at Park Green next to The Traditional Barbers in an area with a busy night time economy and a high footfall during the evenings.



AEDs do not require training and can be used by anyone to shock a person's heart back to normal rhythm if they suffer sudden cardiac arrest. When used alongside cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), they raise the chance of survival from 9% to 50% when compared to the use of CPR alone.

Each AED unit is housed in a temperature-controlled cabinet with access controlled by the 999 emergency services. In an emergency the caller will be directed to their nearest AED unit and given a code to release the ready-charged, ready to use defibrillator.

Pete Turner, Town Clerk for Macclesfield said 'This equipment will make such a difference in the event of a heart emergency, as it will be accessible to everyone. We welcome the support of the people of Macclesfield in the much needed placement of public access defibrillators for use by all in the community in the event of an emergency. Sudden cardiac arrest can strike anyone, at any time, and is the UK's biggest killer, killing more people than breast cancer, lung cancer and Aids combined. Every community should have lifesaving public-access AEDs available 24/7 ready in cases of emergency.'



2020 Forthcoming events

Community Events

15th March - Rotary Swimathon
 4th April/11th April - Easter Trail
 8th May - VE Day, South Park
 16th May - Bikeathon
 20th - 28th June - Barnaby Festival
 27th June - Armed Forces Day
 11th July - Macclesfield Pride



Council Meetings

9 March 7pm Finance Committee
 16 March 7pm Full Council
 20 March 10am Planning Committee
 23 March 7pm Services Committee
 3 April 10am Planning Committee
 27 April 7pm Finance Committee
 1 May 10am Planning Committee
 11 May 7pm Services Committee
 18 May 9.30am Annual Parish Meeting
 18 May 7pm Annual General Meeting

Useful Contacts

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CLlr David Edwardes - david.edwardes@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

West & Ivy Ward

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

Vacant

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

