



# MaccUpdate

Macclesfield Council Community Newsletter



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# Covid 19 - What we've been doing to help

During this pandemic, the residents and businesses of Macclesfield have shown how caring and resilient they are, supporting each other, supporting key workers and working together to help each other. During this time, Macclesfield Town Councillors have also rolled up their sleeves and thrown themselves into supporting the town.

Over the last 3 months, Town Councillors have turned their hands to packaging food parcels, delivering food and care packages, carrying out socially distanced food collections, posting vital information on support available in key local places and even making home cooked meals for delivery to the town's most vulnerable. The Town Councillor role is a volunteer position and Councillors, who are also residents of Macclesfield, carry out this work alongside full and part time employment in order to support the community.

Emergency funding has also been given out to local groups directly supporting the response to Covid-19 across the town. These groups include Cre8, Calvary Church, Church of the Resurrection, the Hope Centre and the Green in the Corner, who have been working to care for the most vulnerable in our community.

Recognising the need to provide longer term support, the Finance Committee of Macclesfield Town Council opted to make further emergency grants available to the groups to support the response. The town council has also been able to support local groups through the distribution of protective face masks. Over 4,000 masks have been given to key local groups to help protect staff and volunteers during vital front-line work.





# Meet your new Mayor

Sarah Bennett-Wake was appointed Mayor in June 2020. She will share her term of office with her wife Stella.

Sarah was elected as the Town Councillor for Hurdsfield in May 2019, serving on the personnel and services committees. Along with her duties as a Town Councillor Sarah is a Director of the Green in the Corner Community Café and Library where she regularly volunteers.



She is particularly proud of the community garden and hopes to extend the veg patch to help the café become more sustainable in the future. Sarah works as a Teaching Assistant at Puss Bank Primary School and Nursery School supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

The Mayor's chosen charities are both Macclesfield based; Cre8 and Macclesfield Seals Swimming Club. Cre8 has been one of the local charities that have stepped up to the plate during the Covid-19 crisis, organising Fare Share food deliveries throughout Macclesfield. They also run a variety of community projects to encourage health and wellbeing through music, education and access to green spaces growing plants and vegetables. The Seals are a Macclesfield swimming group established in 1957 for children and adults with disabilities. Their motto is 'Disability, not inability' providing a safe supportive environment for anyone with any disability to swim or just being in the water. The main aim of the Seals is to have fun! This active group have kept in touch throughout the Covid-19 crisis via social media keeping each other going and in good spirits.

The Mayor's theme for the year will be kindness, this was inspired by Puss Bank pupils who identified so many different definitions of kindness as part of World Kindness Day activities at the school. If ever there was a time for kindness it is now, during the Covid-19 crisis we have seen so many acts of kindness from our community volunteers, key workers, carers and

NHS staff. Our kindness will build community, strength of mind and begin to heal the hurt as we return to the new normal over the coming year.

Be kind, be safe, care.





# Virtual Welly Walk



On Saturday 10th October 10am-2pm, there will be a free virtual outdoor and nature themed event on the Macclesfield Town Council Facebook page – Welly Walk and Nature Needs You.

Since 2017, Macclesfield Town Council has organised this popular event in partnership with RSPB Macclesfield Wildlife Explorers. The event is usually held in West Park but this year, in response to Covid-19, organisers have decided to go virtual for the day. The popular storytelling will return with tales from both the Mayor of Macclesfield, Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake, and local storyteller Emily Anslow.

The creepy crawlies will also be featured on the day so tune in for a guided tour of the mini beasts. Mother Nature will be making a special appearance to remind us all to look after our precious plants and Macclesfield RSPB Wildlife Explorers will be providing video activities of outdoor themed activities to do at home.



Helena Gowler, Community and Events Manager for Macclesfield Town Council commented that 'When Welly Walk and Nature Needs You comes around, we know that autumn is truly here. There is something special about the changing seasons and pulling wellies on to play outside. This year sadly, we can't all gather together in the park but we can join in with the virtual event and use it to inspire our activities at home. With this event, we hope to inspire children and families to spend more time outdoors and making connections to the natural world, even when it is cold and wet!' The free virtual event which is organised by Macclesfield Town Council, is designed to encourage outdoor play throughout the cooler seasons.

This is the fourth time the event has been held and will be delivered together with Macclesfield RSPB Wildlife Explorers. Queries should be directed to Macclesfield Town Council on 01625 374142 or [admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk).



**VIRTUAL**  
**Welly Walk**  
**and**  
**Nature Needs You**  
**Saturday 10th October**  
**On the Macclesfield Town Council Facebook page**







# Your new Town Clerk



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Laura Smith as Macclesfield's new Town Clerk.

Laura, who lives in Macclesfield, worked as CEO of the Disability Information Bureau in Macclesfield for 18 years working with local people and the communities to improve their lives. She brings with her a vast amount of local knowledge of issues affecting Macclesfield and its residents. "I am thrilled to have been appointed as the Town Clerk of Macclesfield, it is a wonderful town and place to live and work. Together with the current team, I am very excited to continue the hard work and take our town forward."

Councillor Fiona Wilson added "I am delighted that Laura Smith is joining us as our Town Clerk. Laura has excellent experience and local knowledge of our town and I look forward to working with her, together with the Town Hall team and Councillors, to deliver the Council's ambitious agenda for Macclesfield".

 **Christmas Trail**

Save the date -  
**Friday 20th/Saturday 21st November 2020**

As there can't be a Christmas lights switch on event this year, we hope you will take part in our  
**Christmas trail**  
More details to follow soon....

# Town Ranger Service



The Macclesfield Town Ranger service is an initiative from Macclesfield Town Council that started in April 2019. Initially employing one full time town ranger, the aim was to focus on tasks that clear and clean the hard to reach areas, such as road signs, ginnels, grot spots and additional cover for litter picking, street furniture repairs and focussing on the Macc in Bloom floral displays.

The service was so helpful and well received, Macclesfield Town Council has already increased the provision with an additional town ranger from April 2020, allowing us to tackle twice the problems. We also want to try and encourage residents to volunteer to support the ongoing improvement to the public realm and build civic pride in Macclesfield, developing a Clean Team of volunteers as well as encouraging people to get involved in Macc in Bloom.

You can help the ranger team tackle jobs in your area by sending us details (and pictures if you can) of issues you have come across to [admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk) and we'll try, where we can, to help solve the problem.



Here's some of the great feedback we've received:

Thanks for keeping Macclesfield in bloom with all the lovely flower tubs

All these little things make our town a nicer place to live in

You are amazing, thank you so much for keeping our town so lovely

You have brought extra cheerfulness to Macclesfield, especially during the COVID19 difficulties. Thank you so much

What a tremendous job you do

Thank you for all you do. It makes such a difference

All of your individual updates make a great overall improvement to the town and surrounding areas. Thank you for all you do





# 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

Working to government  
guidelines

Open to all  
7 to 16 year olds

For more information contact Macclesfield Council on 01625 374142

Summer 2020 locations from 1st September:

**Tuesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

**Jasmine Park MUGA, Broken Cross**

**Wednesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

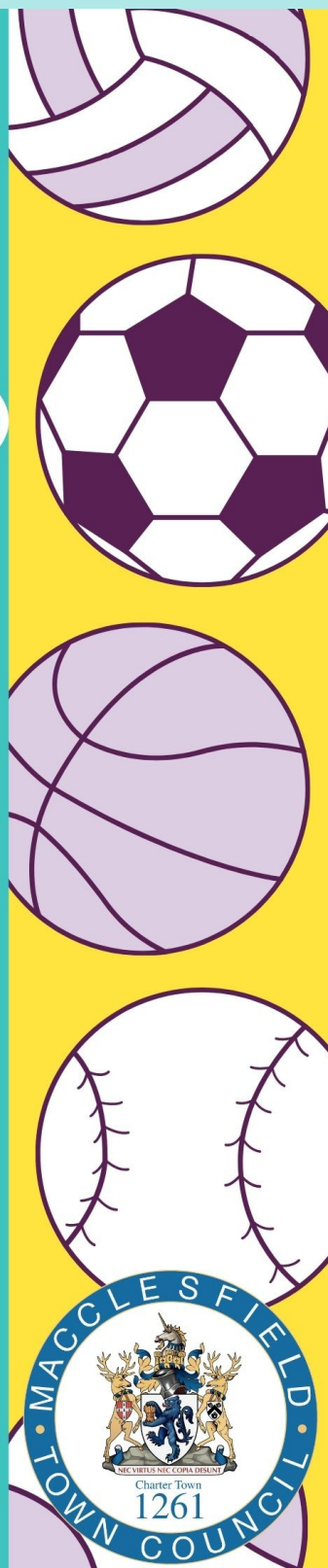
**Banbury Close Playing Fields**

**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.



# Macclesfield Train Station

## Artwork Installed

The visual welcome for visitors arriving at Macclesfield by train has improved hugely with the installation of an artwork featuring landmarks from the town.

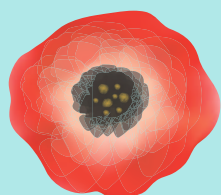
The metal artwork mural, commissioned by Macclesfield Town Council and designed by artist Tim Davies, was the favourite choice of Macclesfield residents who voted on three different submissions in a public consultation in the Grosvenor centre last year.

Macclesfield station is the gateway to the town for a large number of commuters, visitors, shoppers and residents. On leaving the station, travellers were faced with a blank, grey breeze-block wall and also a streetscape that provides little indication of the town centre it serves. The main objective of the commission was to create a unique piece of art bespoke to the local community which would reflect Macclesfield's rich historical heritage. It enhances the plain wall, the first thing that visitors see when they exit the station.



The design work was completed with the help of children from Bollinbrook Primary School, Park Royal Community School, Ash Grove Academy and students from Macclesfield Academy as well as Macclesfield College.

Councillor Janet Jackson MBE said "I'm really pleased to see this mural finally installed at the Train Station. It provides a welcome to Macclesfield depicting a number of our iconic heritage buildings and setting the scene with regards to the character of the Town."



# Remembrance Sunday

Unfortunately due to the coronavirus pandemic and the continued need for social distancing, and in full consultation with the Macclesfield Branch of the Royal British Legion, this year's Remembrance Parade is unable to take place.

There will be a private remembrance service at 11am on Sunday 8th November at the Park Green Cenotaph. Regrettably due to the recent Government guidelines on group gatherings, the attendance at the cenotaph will be 'invite only'. We understand that this is not ideal, however it is the only course of action that will allow us as a town to commemorate this very poignant occasion.

All invites will be sent out in a timely manner when confirmations of attendance have been received. For all organisations who are not included in the permitted attendees at the cenotaph, all wreath layers will be directed on the day by the Parade Marshal. Macclesfield RBL will be issuing a list to all groups with a suggested allotted time for laying a wreath following the main service.

Any members of the public wishing to lay a wreath may do so after the organisations have left. To request a wreath, please contact the Macclesfield Branch of the Royal British Legion on 01625 669876 or [maccrbl@btconnect.com](mailto:maccrbl@btconnect.com).

As a final note please be advised that the usual Armistice two minute silence held outside Macclesfield Town Hall will also not be observed publicly on 11th November. We would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding on this difficult decision.

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## New Councillor for West and Ivy Ward



We are pleased to announce that Michael Hutchison has joined Macclesfield Town Council as councillor for West and Ivy ward.

Mike is a retired secondary school teacher, is actively involved in sport and is a keen cyclist.

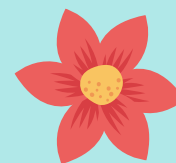
Welcome to the team, Mike.







# Best Front Garden Competition



Macclesfield Town Council recently ran a Best Front Garden Competition to encourage residents to celebrate their gardens.

During the lockdown period residents turned to their gardens spending more time in them and improving them, plus we experienced some lovely weather which helped gardens to thrive. Residents were invited to send in a picture of their front garden, there were three categories, best small front garden, best large front garden and best hanging basket. Thank you to all those that took part, we had some great entries. The winners were decided by a panel made up of Councillor Mick Warren, Councillor Janet Jackson MBE, Adrian Bullock, Macclesfield Town Ranger and John Williams, a Britain in Bloom volunteer.

The winner of each category was presented with a trophy by the Mayor of Macclesfield, Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake. Congratulation to the winners: Jenni Lawton, best large front garden, Katie Wilcock, best hanging basket and Martin Handley, best small front garden.

We hope to bring the competition back next year.







# Mayor's charity auction

Each year the new Mayor of Macclesfield chooses two charities to raise funds for during their mayoral term. This year's Mayor, Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake, is supporting Cre8 and Macclesfield Seals Swimming Club. Cre8 is a local charity which provides services for young people in Macclesfield, Seals are a swimming club for children and adults with disabilities.

## ADAM PARTRIDGE

### AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

MACCLESFIELD & LIVERPOOL

T. 0845 835 0520

[www.adampartridge.co.uk](http://www.adampartridge.co.uk)



As the usual face to face methods of fundraising can't go ahead Sarah has now enlisted the help of Hurdsfield based auctioneers Adam Partridge to hold a 'Made in Macclesfield' on-line auction.

Adam is one of the UK's best known antiques and fine art personalities, and regularly appears as an expert and auctioneer on television programmes including Flog It!, Bargain Hunt, Dickinson's Real Deal and Cash In the Attic. Sarah stated, 'I'm thrilled Adam has agreed to help with the auction it's a brilliant way to raise money for the Mayor's charities but also a way to raise the profile of the town.'

There is so much innovation and creativity in Macclesfield, we need to showcase this to the world. 'We are seeking donations of both goods and services 'Made in Macclesfield' this can take the form of vouchers, offers of time and services or physical objects. Once enough donations are pledged, we will identify a date for the auction.

If you wish to make a donation to the auction send a photograph and description to [sarah.bennett@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.bennett@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk). Alternatively, you can donate directly to the Mayor's charities at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-mayor039s-039be-kind039-charity-fundraiser>.





# 2020 Forthcoming events

## Community Events

10th October - Virtual Welly Walk  
20th/21st November - Christmas Trail



## Council Meetings

25 Sept 10am Planning Meeting  
28 Sept 7pm Full Council  
16 October 10am Planning Meeting  
6 November 10am Planning Meeting  
16 November 7pm Services Committee  
27 November 10am Planning Committee  
30 November 7pm Finance Committee  
14 December 7pm Full Council  
18 December 10am Planning Committee

## Useful Contacts

Macclesfield Town Council  
01625 374142

[www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](http://www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

### Councillors

#### Broken Cross Ward

Cllr Chris Wilcock - [christopher.wilcock@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:christopher.wilcock@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

Cllr Fin Shenton - [fin.shenton@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:fin.shenton@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

#### Central Ward

Cllr Janet Jackson MBE - [janet.jackson@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:janet.jackson@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

#### Macclesfield East Ward

Cllr Mick Warren - [mick.warren@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:mick.warren@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

#### Hurdsfield Ward

Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake - [sarah.bennett@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.bennett@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

#### South Ward

Cllr Fiona Wilson - [fiona.wilson@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.wilson@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

Cllr Neil Puttick - [neil.puttick@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:neil.puttick@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

#### Tytherington Ward

Cllr Lloyd Roberts - [lloyd.roberts@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:lloyd.roberts@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

Cllr David Edwardes - [david.edwardes@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:david.edwardes@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)

#### West & Ivy Ward

Cllr Alift Harewood MBE - [alift.harewood@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto: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