

Grant feedback report

Recipient: St Albans Pre School

Amount issued: £2,000

Date issued: 27th April 2020

Issued for: Capital build project

Sadly we continue to await news from the Diocese as to when the work can begin. We are hoping that work will take place in the summer holidays ready for September. Once we get an update, we will update the committee.

Recipient: Macclesfield Male Voice Choir

Amount issued: £2,000

Date issued: 8th July 2019

Issued for: Uniforms

In short we have actually paid out £500 of the grant on belts and shirts. We have purchased a stock of ties and pocket squares from a local company (Maccravats), they have delivered the ties but expect to deliver the squares next week whereupon they will render the invoice (£1500) and we will have spent the full grant.

Recipient: Disability Information Bureau

Amount issued: £1,618.89

Date issued: 6th September 2021

Issued for: Purchase of an electric wheelchair



Recipient: St Peters Church
Amount issued: £625
Date issued: 6th September 2021
Issued for: Wildflowers for Macc!

Wildflowers for Macc! *Growing, distributing and promoting wildflower seeds and plants*
Update on Grant: 2nd February 2022

Objective of project (from the grant application)

'Wildflowers for Macc' is a small scale local project which is nevertheless important as it is only by mobilising local initiatives across the country that we can make a difference. As well as the production and distribution of wildflower seeds and plants the project will give away seeds to homeowners as gardens are an important habitat, and build public support for restoring biodiversity.

The grant is requested to support the following activities:

Production and distribution of wildflower seeds and plants.

Promotion of wildflower seed planting including information panels at the gardens, information leaflets and website.

Progress to date

- We received grant approval on 8th September
- Colleagues from St. Peter's Community Gardens and Macclesfield Wild Network Trust have had several meetings to plan the programme.
- An initial list of wildflower species for which seeds will be produced has been agreed.
- We have obtained species which we can source from our current gardens, allotments etc
- We have purchased other species which are not locally available
- We have developed a method for preparing raised beds to avoid weed encroachment and to provide a low-nutrient medium, based on blending leaf mould with sharp sand
- We have met to start the spring programme, with volunteers working the beds from 21st February
- Text has been produced for initial promotion and for interpretation signs
- A series of community workshops are being planned for April-October 2022 which will include information and promotion of wildflower planting

Next steps

- Complete preparations of raised beds
- Complete production of interpretation boards
- Develop information leaflet

- Plan further promotional and distribution activities

Recipient: Macclesfield College

Amount issued: £2,000

Date issued: 6th September 2021

Issued for: Community garden project

We have now completed phase two of our project. The front of the College has been transformed, with all old bushes removed and turf laid, given the entrance a much cleaner and neater look. We have also replanted the first garden and our second sponsored garden has now been planted. The benches that we purchased with your grant are a huge success, the students use them daily and it has provided a lovely seating area for them (when the weather is nice of course).

We are now in the process of planning phase 3 of the project, which is our community garden and anniversary garden. Work understandably had to stop during the winter months, but we are hoping that work on the community garden will start at the beginning of March and our anniversary and wild gardens in the Easter break.

Our aim is have the College site in full bloom by May/June.

I will of course take some progress photos for you and pass these on in due course.

Recipient: Friends for Leisure

Amount issued: £1,380

Date issued: 22nd November 2021

Issued for: Social outings

We haven't spent any of our grant yet as we only received the money on the 8th December so couldn't get anything booked until after Christmas. We were also being careful of minimising social mixing in restaurants for our young people because of the Omicron variant spread.

However, we have lots of eating out activities scheduled or planned for the next two terms now. These include:

- Bowling and a burger on 9th March for our Macclesfield 15 Up youth group. Cheshire East Council is paying for the bowling activities while Macclesfield Town Council will buy the food
- Same for our younger Macclesfield youth group on 30th March
- Dinner out with our Macclesfield younger youth group (they have asked specifically to do this - they have requested Wetherspoons as our other suggestions were not popular I'm afraid!)
- Afternoon tea during the Easter Holidays - venue to be confirmed but we are aiming for a local coffee shop or tearoom/cafe

- Further outings will be arranged in the spring for our summer term/holiday activities

These were all arranged in direct consultation with our disabled young people who live in Macclesfield.

Recipient: East Cheshire Hospice

Amount issued: £1,500

Date issued: 26th April 2021

Issued for: Art Fair Event

The rescheduled Art Fair will take place in the town hall 26th May - 5th June.

Recipient: Satellites swimming club

Amount issued: £2,000

Date issued: 7th June 2021

Issued for: Swimming lessons for talented swimmers of all ages

I can confirm the grant we received in July 2021 has helped ensure the survival of the club through a really challenging period. As outlined in the application, the Covid restrictions resulted in both additional costs of running due to social distancing and a significant reduction in income as we were not able to hold swimming galas, which are a significant source of revenue.

We have used the grant to cover additional costs over this difficult period and to offer swimming to Macclesfield Masters, who would have been forced to fold absent our help. Satellites have now fully taken over Macclesfield Masters and incorporated Masters into our club. This has been a real success story enabling talented adult swimmers to keep training and competing.

In the autumn, some of the restrictions on holding external swimming galas were lifted and we were able to hold some smaller galas and invite our own swimmers and visiting swimmers to attend. We held 2 events;

- A welcome back to racing event at Macclesfield Leisure Centre in October 2021. We had over 2700 entries in total from 20 swimming clubs with 550 of the entries being from Satellites.
- A last chance County Qualifier event at Macclesfield Leisure Centre in December. We had 2000 entries for this event from 29 clubs and 525 entries were from Satellites.

Both these events were fantastic opportunities for our competitive squad swimmers and also our Masters swimmers to return to racing after such a long break. I am a volunteer swimming official and helped at both events and it was genuinely moving

to see the young people back together and participating in a sport they love; surely no better way for them to spend a weekend, keeping active with their friends.

The Satellites Committee would like to thank Macclesfield Town Council for their support.

Recipient: Hurdsfield Phoenix FC
Amount issued: £1,000
Date issued: 22nd November 2021
Issued for: Football kits

We ordered our u7s kits, we waited but had no delivery so we asked for money to be returned. We have now ordered them with another supplier and will be delivered next week.

They will then be taken to a local business probably Emblazed and we will get the Macclesfield Town Council crest put on the front of all the kits with Nos and club badge and arrange to get a team photo showing off all the children in their fantastic kits with Macclesfield Town logo and we intend to get a framed picture and hopefully Paul can bring it in for the council to display as a thank you from Hurdsfield Phoenix FC for their amazing grant/donation.



Recipient: East Cheshire Eye Society
Amount issued: £250
Date issued: 6th September 2021
Issued for: Sensory planter project

By way of an update, we have got 2 volunteers and 2 service users involved in the maintenance of the sensory planter. They have met with Andy, the Town Ranger, on 2 occasions – one to plan and the second to plant the plants.

With the help of Andy, I purchased all the plants that we had planned for.

We have continued to maintain the planter – though unfortunately a couple of plants have been ripped out and stolen. We hope to replace these soon.

We are still working with MTC on a sign for the planter, which hopefully will also have wording in braille. When this is ready we plan to do a photo shoot and some publicity.

To date we have spent £213.46

Recipient: Fermain Academy
Amount issued: £2,000
Date issued: 22nd November 2021
Issued for: Feasibility Study

Please find attached PDF showing the progress so far on the feasibility study.

There is still quite a bit of work to do around consultation with young people, other youth services and local businesses / community – this has been delayed due to the increase incidence of Omicron as we have been unable to arrange face to face meetings – plus I was off for half of December as I caught Covid myself!

I have meetings booked in next week with some of the other youth services in Macclesfield and my colleagues who work on The Pledge partnership and youth group support are working on getting some focus groups together for young people and businesses. We need to ascertain why 50% of the young people that we have surveyed would not attend a youth club. We also need to work on how we get the voices of those young people who may not be in main stream school.

We have also submitted a pre-planning application for The Fermain land and are hoping to have a response to that in the next few weeks.

Separate updates have been submitted from:

Just Drop In
Cheshire Wildlife Trust
The Hope Centre

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