

Grant feedback report

Recipient: St Albans Pre School

Amount issued: £2,000

Date issued: 27th April 2020

Issued for: Capital build project

I am sorry for the delay in replying. I have been trying to contact the diocesan architect who was dealing with our project. He tells me that due to Covid, the meeting has been changed to November when our project will be discussed. We are doing our best to get things moving again but do hope that things will start soon. We will let you know once we have a plan of action. Thank you for your patience.

Recipient: Macclesfield Male Voice Choir

Amount issued: £2,000

Date issued: 8th July 2019

Issued for: Uniforms

As of today's date we are having to buy uniform jackets/trousers to fit, this is drawing out the process but we have now spent £500 of the total, and we are hoping to place the final order in early November. Some of this money is being spent with a Macclesfield company, Maccravats.

Recipient: Disability Information Bureau

Amount issued: £1,618.89

Date issued: 6th September 2021

Issued for: Purchase of an electric wheelchair

We ordered the Electric Wheelchair this week and the delivery lead time is about 3 – 4 weeks. Can you possibly send us some stickers in the interim and when it arrives we can put it on the chair plus I will put a laminated poster on the window/notice board at Shopmobility informing the public you have supported the DIB.

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

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 (18th October 2021)

- 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 identified species which we can source from our current gardens, allotments etc
- We are purchasing 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
- The beds are being prepared at present and some species will be planted to over-winter
- The designs for seed packaging are currently being prepared

Next steps

- Accumulate stores of existing seeds and identify suitable storage
- Prepare and plant raised beds
- Maintain gardens over the winter period
- Complete design of the packaging and develop text for interpretation and information leaflets
- Plan for community workshops in the spring

Recipient: Age UK Cheshire East

Amount issued: £1,968

Date issued: 6th September 2019

Issued for: Telephone befriending project

In the first 6 months of the year, through our Keep in Touch befriending service, we have supported around 70 older people every month with calls made by our team of 31 volunteers. This equates to 1,238 calls, with volunteers dedicating 632 hours of their time to make the calls. About 40% of our clients live in the Macclesfield area.

Some quotes from clients:

“Without the Keep In Touch service I do not know how I would have survived - my grateful thanks to all the wonderful staff”

“The service is very helpful when you are at the lowest - the lady who speaks to me makes me very happy - she is cheerful, kind and considerate - a very nice person to know”

“My father looks forward to his weekly call and enjoys the chat - we live away so it is really helpful that someone calls him”

Recipient: St Michael's Church

Amount issued: £2,000

Date issued: 26th April 2021

Issued for: Virtual meeting equipment

I can confirm that the installation of equipment for projection, live streaming/recording and audio upgrade is now complete, with the exception of the permanent installation of a secondary monitor on a pillar. (We planned not to do this immediately while we evaluated size and position). The total cost, including some associated electrical work, was about £28000. The majority of this was raised by voluntary donations from members of the church but we are very grateful for the contribution made by Macclesfield Town Council and from an AllChurches Trust grant.

The projection equipment, in particular, will widen the range of cultural events that can be held in the building and be attractive to members of the community. Live streaming makes our worship more accessible to those unable to join us in the building, either due to ill-health, mobility issues or time conflicts.

We have some work to do to become fully familiar with the technology to get the best out of the streaming system, but use of the projection for lectures, presentations and films, for example, is relatively straightforward.

Recipient: Healthbox CIC

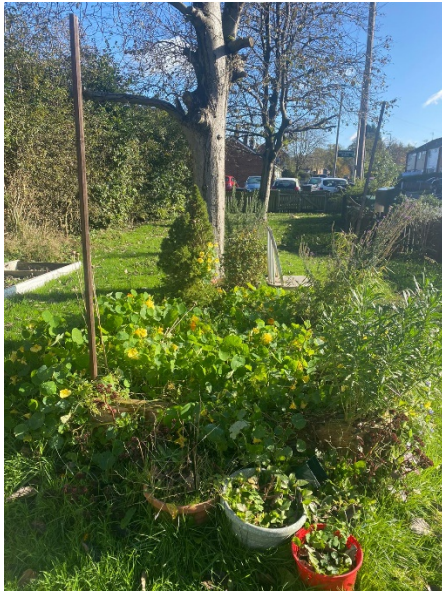
Amount issued: £250

Date issued: 14th September 2020

Issued for: Weston communal garden

The funding has improved the appearance and accessibility of a very underutilised green space on the Weston estate in Macclesfield. The space is now much more inviting and as well as being a safe space for residents, volunteers who have helped update the space have found it to be a useful outlet for them to discuss issues between themselves at a time when people have been feeling very isolated. As an indirect outcome, by engaging in this project, volunteers are able to access specialist health support if required.

Photos attached (volunteers have been down to the green space to decorate for halloween).



Recipient: Macclesfield in October
Amount issued: £880
Date issued: 7th June 2021
Issued for: Music event (toilets)

The rescheduled Macclesfield in October festival received a grant from Macclesfield town council to cover a portalo and two accessible toilets. Our venue Christ church is a beautiful place but currently is used for very few events this is mainly due to the costs involved, as the church has no water all toilets must be hired in, the grant meant the festival was able to offset the costs of turning the church into a venue.

The hope is that more people will think of Christ Church as a venue for events and this amazing building in the centre of the town will become a hub of cultural events. The grant also meant we could hire accessible portable toilets, these cost much more than regular portaloos, but it was important to us that everyone was able to attend the festival as we want the festival to be a real community based festival that is accessible to all.

400 people attended over the weekend.

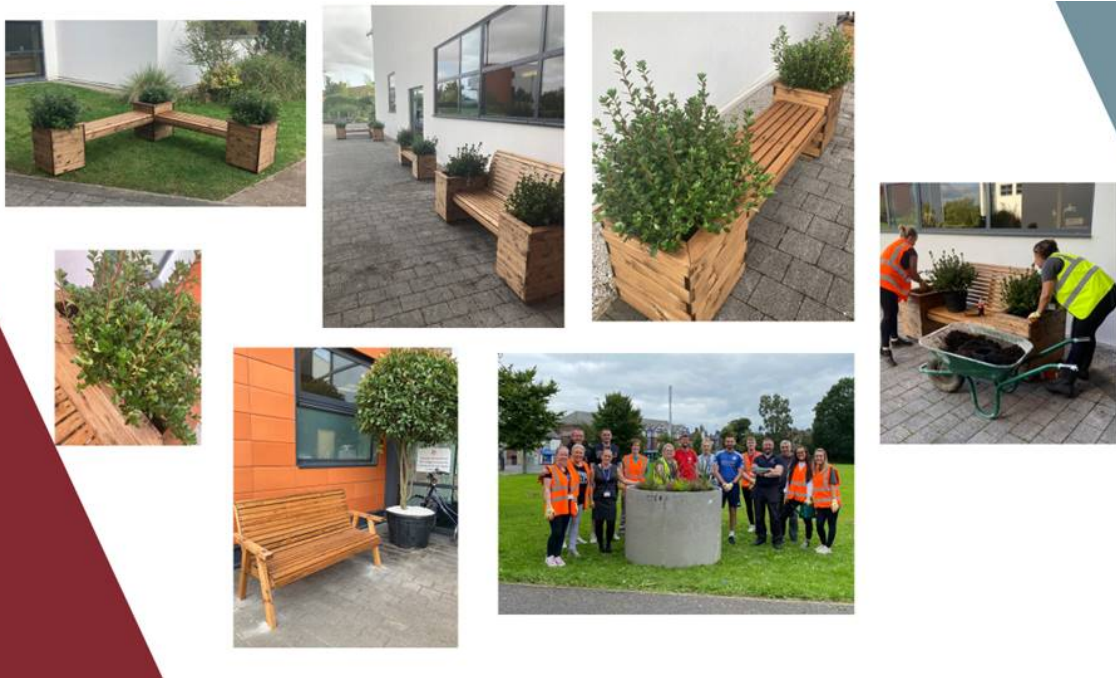
Recipient: Macclesfield College

Amount issued: £2,000

Date issued: 6th September 2021

Issued for: Community garden project

The project has begun and we have purchased some beautiful benches with the grant from the Council. We have also begun work at the front of the College and preparation is underway for the community garden.



Separate updates have been submitted from see below:

Space 4 Autism



Space4Autism
15-17 Mill Lane, Macclesfield,
SK11 7NN



Galaxy Group Update

Update re Funding;

Due to covid we have had to adapt how we planned to deliver the sessions, once we were able to meet again the Galaxy group decided that they did not want to go out to public places (many of the members are still very nervous.

Thinking Outside of the box

We still wanted our adult group to have the opportunity to socialize in a safe environment so we adapted what we delivered– activities have included setting up a walking group then having coffee and cake whilst out. We visited Jodrell Bank in smaller groups then staff from Jodrell came into Space and delivered a session for our members for the ones that would not go out. We have delivered themed nights in-house having a variety of different takeaways and talking about the culture etc. A small group of our adults have been visiting the Heritage Centre with our resident artist to complete some digital workshops. We ran a Paddle Boarding and Sailing session and were also able to bring in external providers such as a magician.

We have a weekly lunch club for our adults to come and meet with people they have met at Galaxy in our café and lastly held social events including quiz nights, and bingo and are holding a Curry and Karaoke night this weekend.

Attendees

We aimed for 50 people to access this project and said we would deliver 10 sessions. In total we have delivered 47 sessions and the project has involved 87 of our adult members, with 79 of these living in Macclesfield area.

Future

We have a session booked to visit a Nature Reserve in the next few months.

Feedback

Our adult members are pleased that we have listened to them and they have been central in planning the activities we have delivered.

“Having the group is the first time I have been accepted and I am pleased we are treated as adults and are included in decision making”

“When times have been so dark, it is reassuring to come to the centre and see how safe the space is, it is the only place I will go”