

Macclesfield Town Council Community grant feedback form Interim project update

It is a condition of Macclesfield Town Council community grants that a report of how the grant was used is given to the council on request.

Therefore, when requested, you are asked to complete the below form and return to the Assistant Town Clerk. The form will be shared with the Finance Committee and in the committee reports which are put onto our website.

We are requesting an interim progress report.

Name of organisation	Macclesfield and Congleton District World Scout Jamboree
Contact name	Jane Knott / Paul Johnson
Date grant awarded	March 22
Amount awarded	£250

Have you made any progress on your project so far? If so, tell us about this below:

We are still fundraising towards our total and will continue through to summer 2023. At the time of writing this report we are around 80% there now. As well as funding 10 young people going to the Jamboree in South Korea, the project funds a leadership development programme for them in the UK.

What have you learned from so far from this project?

The young people have developed their communication and leadership skills through the fundraising activities and through the training programme they complete for the Jamboree. They have all completed a First Aid module and at least unit 1 of the Scouts' Young Leader programme. The older candidates are already acting as young leaders for their local Beaver and Cub groups, and they have presented to these groups about the opportunities scouting brings.

The young people have also developed their entrepreneurial skills through their fundraising activities. They designed a calendar promoting the countryside code and walks within Cheshire East and then sold the calendars through local markets or through approaching local businesses to host them. Keen to give back to scouting, they have contributed to a global online campfire sing-along which reached scout groups in Australia, the US, Latin

America as well as virtually all parts of the UK. They sold badges as a way of raising funds from the event. In addition, they have organised regular bake sales, barbecues and other fundraisers, learning about determination, resilience and organisation.

Where possible, the young people have tried to involve a community element in their fundraising, for example, the calendar promotes Cheshire East and the Countryside Code. Embers, the online campfire, linked Scouts across the world, the district abseil fundraiser helped Scouts achieve their adventurous activities badges. They have also supported events in Macclesfield such as the Chinese New Year parade.

When do you expect the project to be complete?

End of July 2023

Please return this form to helena.gowler@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk