



**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	Barnaby
Contact name	Jane Stephens (Trustee) , Malcolm Joliffe (Trustee and Treasurer)
Date grant awarded	September 2022
Amount awarded	£2000.00

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

This grant paid part of the costs of the phase 1 project ie developing the events weekend in June 2023.

The grant paid for our insurance, IT and website costs so that we could spend our limited funds on getting the following in place by employing a freelance Artistic Director.

The project (phase 1) scope is shown below including progress to date:

- the costed plan for a programme of events – this is now in place.
- Community engagement – this is starting to happen along with engagement with local businesses.
- Fundraising ideas and applications – we have just received a £10K grant from the National Lottery for the extended part of the programme (which will be delivered later in the year).Funding for the Parade Co-ordinator has also been granted by Macclesfield Town Council. We are continuing to look at a wide range of long term funding to ensure that Barnaby is sustainable.
- Newly engaged volunteers – recruited 6 excellent new trustees they are working hard to ensure that Barnaby 2023 (June 17th) is a success and a springboard for the future . (We would have struggled to recruit new trustees without paid resource).

- Time for the Trustees to focus on the sustainability of Barnaby – yes, we have made progress on our long term thinking and will be developing this further using the skills and knowledge of the new trustees. We have will be using the information we gain on the 17th June (at our Listening Tent) and from delivering Barnaby 2023 to develop the long term plan.

What have you learned from so far from this project?

This has confirmed that Barnaby needs some paid skilled resource on an ongoing basis to enable it to be sustainable.

We are now very clear on the fixed costs (paid resource, insurance , website, IT etc) need to run Barnaby in a sustainable manner. Funding for these will always be sought in addition the funding of event delivery direct costs.

When do you expect the project to be complete?

Phase 1 is due to be complete at the end of March – we are on target.

Plans for phase 2 ie delivery of the events weekend in June are well under way

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