



**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 Music Centre
Contact name	Nick Cheetham
Date grant awarded	10 th May 2022
Amount awarded	£2000

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

We currently have 33 registered for our beginner groups in Violin, Cello, Clarinet, Saxophone, Recorder, Flute, and Ukulele.

Following a really successful start in the Autumn term, 3 members have been inspired to take individual lessons in order to quicken their progress. Of the 38 who started in the Autumn Term, 36 are still engaged in musical learning, either through the project, or through individual tuition.

The cello, recorder, violin, and flute groups have each divided into 2 smaller groups to enable the tutor to target learning more effectively and to meet the learners needs. In the more advanced groups for violin and flute, 2 beginners are already preparing for their Grade 1 exam. The recorder beginner group has been able to accommodate two children from Ukraine; one of which already has experience playing the recorder. The MTC funding has enabled him to continue to access specialist tuition whilst being in Macclesfield.'

Love Music Trust have loaned the instruments needed for these groups where required.

This MTC assisted project has opened-up community music making to many who have been deprived of the opportunity during lockdown. It has also helped boost general membership for Macclesfield Music Centre to close to pre-pandemic levels.

We are very pleased to now have a waiting list of beginner students for the Autumn 2023 term.

MMC is on target to reach the match funding of £2600 to for this project.

What have you learned from so far from this project?

We have learned the importance of seed-funding to initiate new projects. We have also re-learned the importance of music as a catalyst for bringing community together and enriching the lives of both young and old.

When do you expect the project to be complete?

We will complete the project at the end of Summer Term 2023 when we will reflect on lessons learned to build our programme for 2023/24.

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