



Interim Report to Macclesfield Town Council June 2023

Supporting MTC to develop a VCFS network for Macclesfield by way of:

- Supporting Macclesfield groups with their development and income generation and income diversification
- Creating a bank of Volunteers to work with the Town Council and associated groups in the community
- Supporting the Town Council Grants programmes to organisations that deliver services in Macclesfield and provide assistance to those organisations
- Assisting VCF organisations to become more environmentally sustainable

As part of this agreement, CVS Cheshire East will produce summary reports for the Finance Committee on progress made as well as a year-end report. This summary outlines the work carried out from April to June under the general headings below.

Supporting Macclesfield groups with their development and income generation and income diversification

CVS provides a Group Development Officer dedicated to Macclesfield to whom the Council signposts groups needing additional support. Since April this year CVS has supported:

Macclesfield Community Artspace

The organisation has appointed new trustees and CVS will be providing trustee roles and responsibilities training in early July. The charity's volunteers also completed volunteer essentials one day training in April.

Reach Out and Recover

The organisation is looking for additional funding to run its activities and CVS is supporting them with this.

Auxilium Social Enterprise

CVS is continuing to support this new organisation to incorporate and to link with services that might use the mentoring programme Auxilium has to support people into health care employment.

Age UK Cheshire East

Age UK asked for support to relocate as they are selling their premises and CVS put them in touch with the Disability Information Bureau who will rent them office space. CVS is also working to identify sources of funding for the organisation.



Roe-naissance Project

CVS has been speaking to the group with regards to their future plans and will meet in the next month hopefully to discuss organisational strategy.

Macclesfield Bereavement Support Services

MBSS would like to apply for funding but do not have a constitution in place although they have been in existence for a number of years. CVS met with them to help write one up and will support them to apply for funding to help continue providing their services.

Disability Information Bureau

CVS has provided trustee training to the board and as a result of that session will support with organisational strategy also.

CVS has also attended various partnership meetings such as the four local Neighbourhood Partnerships, Macclesfield Town Centre Recovery Working Group, Macclesfield Food Network, Macclesfield Community Cohesion Group and Macclesfield Cultural Forum, to gather and disseminate information and act as a representative of the VCFSE sector.

Create an active bank of volunteers to work with Macclesfield Council and associated groups in the community.

CVS has arranged for a group of volunteers to help with clearing out the storage room and with general DIY at Macclesfield Artspace. Work is also continuing to promote volunteering generally in Macclesfield via the CVS volunteering hub.

A robust community grants programme

CVS participates in the Council's grant giving programme by reviewing applications and successful recipients have been contacted with offers of support. CVS provides help with grant writing and with monitoring and evaluation of projects to all recipients and additional guidance to unsuccessful applicants to enable them to apply again. CVS has reviewed grant in the May and June application rounds and been in touch with recipients to offer support if needed.

Environment network established for VCFS organisations

An environmental sub-group has been set up as part of the Macclesfield Town Centre Recovery Plan, which CVS sits on.

End of report.