

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

To update committee on progress and work associated with local service delivery.

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8.1 Events update

Park Fit

Park fit has now moved back to South Park, and peaked at just over 30 people on one, but numbers on average are around 21.

A range of bodyweight workouts have been delivered, and one week everyone was to bring along large bottles of water or tins of baked beans.

A number of people from ROAR have been attending the sessions on a weekly basis and have fed back how good they are finding it.

The provider has also been asked by Just Drop In to look at running something similar for them during the summer holidays.

The King's Coronation Town Centre Tea Party – Monday 8th May

Due to poor weather this event was moved at the last minute into St Michael's and All Angels Church – we would like to once again thank our friends at St. Michael's for being so accommodating.

Despite the weather Macclesfield came out in force to celebrate; enjoying free refreshments from four local, independent vendors and taking part in our swing dancing lessons, accompanied by local musicians. Macclesfield Youth Brass band closed the afternoon with an upbeat selection, ending on the national anthem.

A number of people filled out our online feedback form regarding the event and the responses were extremely positive.

Macclesfield Armed Forces Day Celebration – Sunday 2nd July

At the time of writing this event has not yet taken place but plans have been made for a day of music, information and reflection, including a formal parade.

Upcoming 2023 Events

Do Something Summer – July/August 2023

Every Wednesday over the school summer holiday's we will be presenting the opportunity to do something new in Macclesfield town centre. We have got a range of free workshops booked in from photography to kite-making to circus skills. This programme is primarily aimed at school aged children, to help families fill the long summer break, but it is of course, open to all. Advertising for this event has gone out around town, on social media and on Silk FM with a very positive response so far. The first session will be Street Photography with Simon Buckley on Wednesday 26th July. The deckchairs will be out and we have invited the Granelli's van to sell ice cream.

Macclesfield Heritage Open Day – Saturday 9th September

This year we are encouraging groups all over town to take part in Macclesfield Heritage Open Day on 9th September. Whilst still being part of the national Heritage Open Days programme we hope that by encouraging groups to take part on the same day we can offer a full town-wide day of activities for locals and visitors. MTC officers are working with local group Made in Macc to open up the Town Hall and offer a local makers market, hobby and volunteer fair as well as taking the opportunity to inform members of the public about features of historical and social interest within the building.

Nature Needs You and Eco Summit– Saturday 7th October

Nature Needs You will return to West Park this October and will be joined by the Eco-Summit, led by Councillor Thompson. Our new pitch close to the skate-park proved popular last year so we'll be setting up there again with our usual mix of story-telling, face-painting, crafting, learning and creepy-crawlies!

Autumn/Winter 2023

Spooky Saturday - 28th October

Armistice and Remembrance – 11th and 12th November

Step into Christmas - Saturday 25th November

Tree of Light – Thursday 7th December

Late Night Shopping – Thursday 14th December

8.2 Floral displays

The summer bedding has been completed by the Town Rangers and by ANSA, and the theme was pastel colours. Ansa are watering the barrier planters, 3 tiered

planters and hanging baskets. The Britain in Bloom committee are preparing a route for the judges visit which will take place over summer.

This year as well as entering the Town as a whole, 3 more places have been entered:

- Upper Market Place has been entered as a small retail area.
- The pocket park outside the bus station entered under pocket parks.
- East Cheshire Hospice has been entered in the Hospice category.

8.3 Public toilets

There has been a slight delay as approval is needed from the Muscular Dystrophy Society for the lay out of the changing places toilet.

8.4 Festoons

An audit of the festoon lights was conducted before the last services committee meeting, with LITE to check the condition of them as well as approximate life span so we can prepare for a future replacement programme.

As part of this audit, it was noted that the festoon lights on Church Street were coming to the end of their life. The lights were installed back in 2016 and last on average 8 years.

LITE have provided the below quote:

To supply a completely new set of 240 no. warm white 24v festoon lights on 120m of festoon, with ultra-bright lamps and protected with small clear globes and new weatherproof driver, for the sum of **£2,260 total**

To remove the old (2016) zig zag of festoon lights from Church Street and replace with the above lights reusing the existing catenary cables. For the sum of **£900 total**.

Grand total therefore would be **£3,160 total + VAT**

DECISION REQUIRED: To install the new lights on Church Street.

8.5 Tunncliffe Trail

A meeting was held in May with the Director of the Museums to discuss the future of this project.

A range of ideas were discussed, and the outcome was that we will look at a Tunncliffe trail similar to the bee trail in Manchester where removable models can be

placed outside or inside shops. This negates the need for planning permission and building owner consent which has been instrumental in delaying the project.

8.6 Barnaby Parade

The Barnaby has taken place, a final report is due end of July, plus Comms Officer and Events are meeting with Barnaby to debrief. This will be on the next services committee agenda.

END OF REPORT