

# MaccUpdate

Macclesfield Town Council Community Newsletter



**Inside** - Jubilee tree planting, improved signage plans for the town and grand plans for the South Park Pavilion



# COVID

Whilst the pandemic has certainly relaxed its grip on the town, everywhere we look there is still evidence that the world we live in has not yet returned to normal.

Pop-up COVID vaccination clinics still take place in car parks in the town, businesses are still requesting the Town Council's wooden hand sanitisers, and although masks are no longer mandatory they are still apparent on the streets of Macclesfield.

The Town Council remains an integral part of the Town Centre Recovery Working Group and is doing all it can to encourage people back into the shops on our high street. Many shops are still putting in place safety measures such as mask wearing, or screens, and even if you don't want to go into shops, there are other ways to support the high street. Order some scrumptious food from one of the many independents in town or other anything else for that matter and get it delivered by ELOVuk on their electric cargo bikes.



**The high street is an important part of our town, and all support is greatly appreciated by the traders, even if its a share on social media, a recommendation or the purchase of a gift voucher**



# Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This year is a very special one for Her Majesty The Queen as she celebrates her Platinum Jubilee - marking a 70 year reign.

To help celebrate and mark the occasion in Macclesfield the Town Council is supporting two very important projects.

The first of which is pictured on the front of this update. Mayor of Macclesfield Cllr David Edwardes has been very busy planting a tree in schools around the town. Aably assisted by the Town Rangers, and children from the schools, the trees planted by the Mayor will form part of the Queens Green Canopy (QGC), a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC encourages planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.



The Town Council is also providing pots of funding to community groups to enable them to run Jubilee parties across Macclesfield over the weekend of the 4th and 5th June 2022.

Community groups will be able to apply for simple road closures with Cheshire East, can host the parties inside or out, include food and drink, and entertainment for children and adults alike.

Make sure you follow @MaccTownCouncil on Facebook to be kept up to date with Jubilee plans.



# COVID Remembrance Trees

As well as the Queens Green Canopy the Town Council has other tree planting project underway.

As a mark of respect the Councillors for each ward in Macclesfield chose a suitable location to plant a tree in honour of those who lost their lives during COVID.



The trees were specifically chosen by Lead Ranger Andy McKeith and are a mix of *Prunus Serrula*, a Tibetan Cherry with pink flowers in the Spring and cherries in the Autumn, *Prunus Subhirtella Autumnalis*, Winter Flowering Cherry and *Sorbus Acuparia* Joseph Rock, Mountain Ash.

Not only are they a lovely symbol of remembrance for those who lost their lives, but they are also great for wildlife and a good absorber of carbon monoxide, leaving a lasting legacy.

All trees are in publicly accessible locations, many next to benches should you choose to sit and remember.





This summer Macclesfield is going for **GOLD** in the Britain in Bloom competition and we want YOU to be part of it!

Work has been going on behind the scenes by the Macclesfield Town Council Rangers, ANSA and lots of community groups and volunteers.

This year we are looking to include local businesses and shops in and around the town who are willing to work with us to make the town look fantastically floral with a glorious riot of colour.

It's as simple as putting up a hanging basket or a planter outside of your business!

Please do get involved. It's as easy as contacting Town Centre Manager Abi via email at [abigail.sherratt@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:abigail.sherratt@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk) or call 01625 374142





# ECO SUMMIT UPDATE

Staying with the GREEN theme, Macclesfield Town Council and Macctastic will be bringing you an update on last May's Eco Summit.

The summit was attended by over 70 people and a huge number of ideas were generated. The Town Council released an update in July letting interested parties and members of the public know all about the 16 action points that were identified as being achievable and visible, and which would have the most impact.

Now is the time for us all to come together to understand how those action points have progressed, which have been achieved and which ones have been a struggle. And where the focus will be for the coming year.

More information will be shared soon, but add Saturday 14th May, 10-11am at the Town Hall to your diary - yes you read it right, an in person event, booking may be required!



*eco network*



The next Eco Summit will be held as part of the Town Council's Nature Needs You event. The event which is normally held in West Park, will continue in that location and will be also be complimented by talks and presentations in St Michael's Church on Saturday 8th October 2022.



# South Park Pavilion

You may have seen that recently Macclesfield Town Council has been looking for an architect to design a new pavilion building for the beautiful South Park. The Council is in the process of asset transferring the Pavilion from Cheshire East Council, and the plan is to deliver a brand new pavilion for the people of Macclesfield.



The park has had a pavilion overlooking its band stand for a number of years, with the current pavilion building replacing the original following a devastating fire in 1970s.

The current pavilion is deemed not fit for purpose and is part-condemned due to its lack of accessibility to the first floor. It is also in a very poor state of repair. The ground floor layout is not flexible for multiple user groups and the building's construction method means it is reaching the end of its lifespan and unfortunately cannot be modernised.







# South Park Pavilion

The Town Council has listened to the residents and is looking to re-build a structure that meets the needs, expectations and ambitions of the community and the park services, as well as encouraging visitors. The building needs to be truly flexible in regards to its usage and sustainable whilst being uniquely 'Macclesfield'.

Because the pavilion needs to meet the needs of a diverse community will include the following

- Café/F&B/take away with outdoor eating facilities and alcohol license
- Accessible Changing Places toilet
- Community rooms for hire/free availability for schools, groups, exhibitions
- Space for Town Council Rangers, Gardeners, rest space for PCSOs
- Shared workspace area
- Location for Events – wedding/civil service venue
- Store for sports equipment to loan to visitors
- An information/booking point for the park
- Quiet/rest area for park users indoor & outdoor (not just café users)

This building will be truly accessible and include the following

- Fully accessible throughout
- Environmentally friendly build/power
- Balcony on 2nd floor/lift to the 2nd floor (if 2 storey design is chosen)
- A hatch to serve drinks/ice creams to park goers
- CCTV location/security features/ventilation and future proof in light of COVID
- Public WIFI throughout
- External power point access for events
- Consider a few smaller rooms or clever partitioning for smaller meetings/functions
- Dementia/neurodevelopmental friendly design – colour scheme, signage, acoustics, adjustable lighting
- Café facilities





# Town Council's Successful Community Grant Programme

The Town Council's popular grants programme continues to go from strength to strength supporting a wide ranging representation from Macclesfield's worthy community groups.

At the start of last year the Town Council reviewed it's grants programme and re-launched with three tiers of grants. Micro Grants of up to £100 for small start up ideas or for one off projects that fit with the Macclesfield Town Council themes, Small Grants up to £250 and Large Grants up to £2000 and exceptional circumstance grants over £2000.

With that in mind, as we approach the end of the financial year, the Council has awarded over £30,000 to sports groups, wildlife organisations, groups working with young people, garden & wildflower planting projects, and community festivals - many of whom hadn't approached the Town Council before.

The Town Council Communities & Events Manager is working closely with Community & Voluntary Services Cheshire East, to promote the grants programme more widely, inform community groups of what the grants can be used for and how to apply, and also how the community groups can make themselves more financially sustainable in the future.

Visit [www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/your-council/community-grants/](http://www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/your-council/community-grants/) for more information





# FREE

# Street Sports Sessions

Macc Street Sports - you choose the game  
- it's not all football (but it is a bit)

# FREE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Supervised activities  
with qualified sports  
coaches

Working to government  
guidelines

Open to all  
7 to 16 year olds

For more information contact Macclesfield Council on 01625 374142

**Tuesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

**Jasmine Park MUGA, Broken Cross**

**Wednesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

**Banbury Close Playing Fields**

**Thursdays - 6pm to 8pm**

**South Park Multi-Sports Area**

**Every Week!**

This is an informal service, children can come and go as they please and remain the responsibility of parents or guardians, not the responsibility of the sports coaches or council



**You choose the sports:**

The sports coaches come equipped with loads of sports equipment so you have a huge choice of sports and games on the night, such as tennis, basketball, rounders, netball, cricket and much more.

**Professional Sports Coaches:**

Working in partnership with Peak Active Sport, the coaches are all qualified and professional and provide support and encouragement for the children taking part.

**Active Kids:**

Physical activity benefits us all in terms of our physical health and our mental health. It increases our opportunities to socialise and improve our skills.







# Character Assessment

Macclesfield Town Council is working on a Character Assessment which aims to preserve Macclesfield's distinctive character and, aided by good design, for the town to be an attractive place to live with a vibrant town centre, strong community spirit and flourishing civic pride.



Keen to preserve this uniqueness, Macclesfield Town Council commissioned Lambert Smith Hampton and Donald Insall Associates to prepare a Character Assessment documenting the character and local environment for each ward.

This document is intended to be used by property developers and architects to guide them towards the type of design that is sympathetic to the local area and contributes positively to the local environment, and any other person or organisation involved in the development process or who is interested in local character.

The overall aim of this Character Assessment is to:

- Promote the existing distinctive character of local areas including the built environment, green spaces and views.
- Encourage the design of new development to be of a good standard, retaining and enhancing the distinctiveness of the local area.
- Guide the design of all development within Macclesfield that reflects, harmonises with, and reinforces the best aspects of the local character of its buildings, green spaces and settings, such that it makes a positive contribution to the town.

**Macclesfield Town Council thanks all residents, workers and school pupils who participated in the consultation.**



# Council to Improve Signage

The Council has approved a very exciting project to enhance the signage in and around the Town Centre. This project arose after lots of conversations with different groups of traders, businesses and importantly visitors to our town.



It was identified that signage from the train station pointing people in the direction of the town centre up Church Street was lacking, along with directions showing a more accessible route along Sunderland Street and Park Green.

Improved signage is also needed to draw people into the Indoor Market, including a directory of the traders available, and signage clearly marking The Castle Quarter as an up & coming area of the town centre.

Up to date maps and pointing out visitor attractions such as the different museums in town is also planned for the future.

The scheme will require planning permission from Cheshire East Council but the Town Centre and local shops and businesses are very important to the Town Council and the upgraded signage is all a key part of making the town look attractive and a nice place to live and visit - so watch this space!



# Record Numbers Saddle Up!

Last year the Macclesfield Bikeathon took place in October, following a period of uncertainty around in person events. It was a damp and cold day, so fingers crossed when the Bikeathon returns this year, the sun will be shining.

Last years event raised a fantastic £4500 for local charity Just Drop In and saw over 200 riders including family groups take part in the three different routes depending on experience.

Organiser Darren Allgood, from AllGood Cycling along with support from Just Drop In and the Town Council has great plans for 2022 and the event will be taking place on Saturday 14th May 2022.

You can sign up now. Go to [www.sientries.co.uk](http://www.sientries.co.uk) and type in Macclesfield Bikeathon in the Event Name search box on the left hand side or scan this QR code to be taken straight to the event!

## scan me





# Park Fit People!

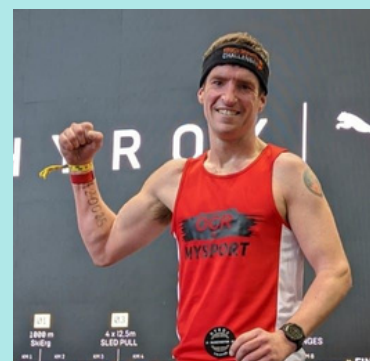
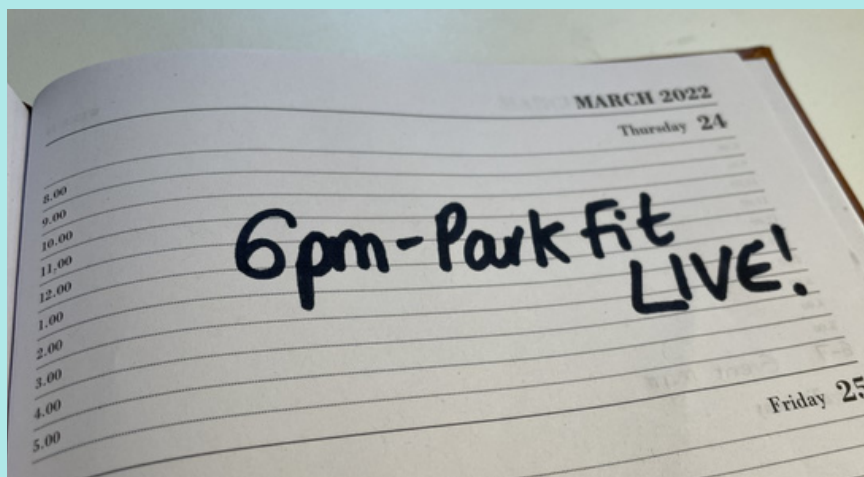
In 2019 the Town Council vowed to help the people of Macclesfield get fit, and employed the services of local personal trainer Matthew Rigby.

Matt started by hosting early morning Park Fit sessions in South Park, then early evening sessions utilising the equipment already in the park as well as bringing some of his own. As the weather started to turn sessions were held in All Hallows sports hall which enabled them to carry on through the winter months. When the pandemic hit, ever resourceful Matt took his sessions to facebook.

The sessions are perfect for everyone, with options for those just starting on their fitness journey or ways to increase the burn for those already on their way. The majority are using your own body weight, so no need for any specialised equipment, but you might need a tin of beans, or a backpack stuffed with books.

All the workouts Matt has done for the Town Council (and there are over 140) can be found on his facebook page for you to do in your own time. But if you want to do them live - 6pm on his page for 30 minutes.

The Town Council is hoping to be able return the sessions to the great outdoors, so watch this space and follow @matthew.rigbypt.1 on facebook.



# 2022 Forthcoming Events

Throughout the year Macclesfield Town Council runs a number of its own events, but it also supports a number of other community events in a number of ways - from funding support and promotion, to applying for road closures. Below is a list of the spring/summer events that the Town Council is involved in.

## Community Events

Eco Summit update - 14th May

Bikeathon - 14th May

Jubilee Community Parties

4th/5th June

Barnaby Festival - 18th June

Macc POW - 2&3rd July

Macc Pride - 9th July



# MACC- POW!

MACCLESFIELD  
BARNABY FESTIVAL

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Council and Committee meetings are now being held face to face in the Town Hall, however there are certain restrictions in place. If you would like to attend a meeting please email the Town Clerk, Laura Smith at [laura.smith@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:laura.smith@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk) The full list of Council meetings is available on the website, but listed below are the upcoming meetings

## Council Meetings

7th March - Finance Committee

18th March - Planning Committee

21st March - Full Council

8th April - Planning Committee

25th April - Services Committee

29th April - Planning Committee





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