



MaccUpdate

Macclesfield Town Council Community Newsletter



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**Welcome to our new
Mayor of Macclesfield
Cllr Fiona Wilson**

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Meet your new Mayor

On 16th May 2022, at the Macclesfield Town Council Annual General Meeting, Cllr Fiona Wilson was unanimously elected by her fellow Councillors as Mayor of Macclesfield. Fiona is supported in her role as Mayor by her Consort, her husband Brian Puddicombe.

Each year the Mayor chooses two charities to support, and this year the Mayor has chosen Macc Youth Brass Band and The Northwest Air Ambulance Charity, both charities will benefit from many fundraising endeavours.

As well as being Mayor, Fiona is also the Town Councillor for South Ward, Chair of Personnel, Vice-Chair of Finance, and she sits on the Planning and Services Committees. Fiona is the Council's Town Centre and Regeneration Champion and a member of the Town Centre Recovery Working Group which has brought together various organisations who are working to deliver economic, environmental, cultural and community benefits for the people of Macclesfield.

Cllr Wilson is keen to focus on fostering a sense of community during her year in office. Cllr Wilson said "My theme for my year as Mayor is 'Our Community – Stronger Together'. We have so many hard-working volunteers, including all of our Town Councillors who make all the difference. I am also very proud of my own community in South Ward, where neighbours often stand together to support each other."



*Our Community
Stronger Together*

Volunteering

Throughout the year Macclesfield Town Council put on a number of events as well as supporting events run by other organisations.

We are looking for some volunteers to work with our events team.

Responsibilities will vary from event to event but we will match your area of expertise/interest to a task.

It could be anything from helping to identify safety risks, to managing stage acts at Christmas!

If you are interested please contact Assistant Town Clerk Helena Gowler on 01625 374142 or drop her an email helena.gowler@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

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Social Activity & Charity

**THE PLACE TO GO FOR
CONVERSATION, INFORMATION
AND SUPPORT
OPEN TO ALL AGES**

**EVERY SATURDAY
10AM- 11AM
ST MICHAELS & ALL ANGELS
CHURCH**



**REFUGEES WELCOME,
MACCLESFIELD UKRAINIAN AID
COLLECTION POINT
AND
CHESHIRE EAST
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP**



Does your community group need a financial boost?

The Town Council's popular grants programme continues to support a wide range of Macclesfield's worthy community groups.



The Town Council has different 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
- Large Grants up to £2000
- And exceptional circumstance grants over £2000



In July the following groups were awarded funds to help their projects:

- Macclesfield Boys Boxing Club towards a trip to Ireland for some of their female boxers
- Macclesfield Cricket Club to create an area for women, children and disabled players
- Cygnets for equipment for their new rehearsal and performance space
- Just Drop In for a summer programme for children
- Macclesfield Pride towards costs of the Pride event
- ROAR for a public art project and exhibition
- Silk Heritage Trust
- S:Park for centenary event



Visit www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/your-council/community-grants/ for more information



Blooming Marvellous

Floral Displays



During the heatwave towards the end of the July, the town's floral displays were judged as part of Britain in Bloom. Due to Macclesfield's population the town is judged as a small city, rather than as part of the large town category like Congleton.



Our judge was shown around the town by the committee taking in community projects in various locations and meeting some of the volunteers who helped create and maintain them. He was also treated to a special visit to the beautiful garden at East Cheshire Hospice which not many people outside of those needing treatment and their families get to see.



The final part of the tour was the fantastic floral displays in town planned, created, planted and maintained by the Macclesfield Town Ranger team. On top of that he also saw the beautiful Jubilee phoneboxes and crown displays, and took time to appreciate the hard work put in by businesses up and down Church Street and Chestergate, topped off by a visit to the wildflowers near Sainsburys.



We'd like to say a big Macclesfield Town Council thank you to everyone involved. Fingers crossed - we should hear what we have been awarded in the early autumn

Town Event Kit

By now you will hopefully have had a chance to sit in one of fantastic new Town deckchairs.

As part of the Welcome Back Fund, Cheshire East Council were able to access a pot of money for items such as deckchairs, MTC then put in a request for certain items.



Thirty deckchairs
Five 3m x 3m gazebos
One 6m x 3m gazebo
Ten bistro sets
(table & two chairs)



These have been used at events such as the Bikeathon, Macc Pride, Party in the Pews, Jubilee parties and Treacle Market, and are also booked in the coming weeks by independent businesses who are hosting events.

If you are a community group, charity or a town business running an event and wish to borrow the equipment please contact abigail.sherratt@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

You will be required to read and sign a booking form and risk assessment, and you will need transport to move the items, they must then be returned in good condition on the date specified.

FREE

Street Sports Sessions



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.

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

Every week, all year
round!!!

Open to all
7 to 16 year olds

For more information contact Macclesfield Council on 01625 374142

Tuesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Becks Lane Field, Upton Priory

Wednesdays - 5.30pm to 7.30pm
**Banbury Close Playing Fields,
Hurdsfield**

Thursdays - 6pm to 8pm
Multi-Sports Area, South Park

venue change!



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



FREE EVENT

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The Mayor's South Park Centenary Picnic

SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST 2022

11AM - 2PM

- FOOD - LIVE MUSIC - CRAFTS -
-FACE PAINTING - GAMES - ICE CREAM -
AND MORE

The Mayor of Macclesfield, Cllr Fiona Wilson, invites you to join us
at the bandstand and celebrate one hundred years of South Park!



Macclesfield Town Council are looking to replace the existing pavilion in South Park and are seeking your input and views as to which of 5 schemes should be developed.

These designs will be available to view in the park at the following events:

- Thursday 11th August 11am -4pm International Youth Day event
- Saturday 13th August 11am – 2pm The Mayor of Macclesfield South Park Centenary Picnic (free event)
- Sunday 21st August SPARK (Friends of South park) event

Plus designs will be available to view at Treacle Market Sunday 28th August

So come along to one or all of these events and have your say!

All singing allotment!

8-14th August was National Allotment Week. Macclesfield Town Council own 7 allotment sites across the town, and manage a small number, with the majority being managed by their own association. Allotments are very in demand at the moment with long waiting lists, but we wanted to share the story of a successful application, who put a twist on her plot.

Someone who was on the waiting list was Clare Kewney. She'd had an interest in getting an allotment for a while, to look after alongside her busy life combining work, family and social time, as well as being an active member of local female only choir Chordiality. When Clare found out she was about to be allocated an allotment, we were already in the first lockdown.

As a community choir, Chordiality were devastated that they couldn't continue singing together. Not only do their members love singing, but when they founded Chordiality, they set out to ensure it was a welcoming, supportive and kind place for all members to attend. Many of the ladies were really beginning to feel the effects of lockdown isolation, so Clare invited other members to get involved and help her get the allotment off the ground.

And they jumped at the chance! Not only did it give many of them the perfect excuse for fresh air and a bit of physical exercise, they knew that they could look forward to seeing each other, to really make their "lottie" a sanctuary away from the worst deprivations of the pandemic.

So, from a fairly unkempt, overgrown plot that they took on in 2020, they now have a quite beautiful space, regular crops of delicious veggies, flowers, trees, and a fabulous space to meet and unburden themselves. There is a core group of ladies who are super-organised with planting schemes - and guiding the less experienced gardeners on tasks to tackle. They all chip in financially to buy anything needed, although they've been lucky to be given lots of things that they've upcycled and put to good use. They get expert advice from the other allotment holders too, who've been really friendly since day one.

Co-founder Caroline Hamer says "I guess you could say the pandemic gave us a bit of a challenge because we couldn't be together or sing together for so long, but once we could meet outside safely, the allotment was a saviour for many of us."



If you haven't yet heard of Chordiality it was set up in 2018. They had been part of another choir locally, but decided to set up on their own. It's run by six friends and they volunteer their time to run it, as it's not a business. They have over 60 members now (and Ben their conductor!), and they've opened for MaccPride, sung at Millie's Trust's annual fundraiser ball and are regulars at Treacle Market.

PLUS you will be able to see them this year on our Christmas stage!

2022 Forthcoming Events

Community Events

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

Silk Museum Heritage Open Day, town centre - Saturday 10th September

Nature Needs You, West Park and Eco Summit, St Michaels Church - Sat 8th October

Spooky Cafe, Market Place - Sat 29th October

Armistice Ceremony, Market Place - Fri 11th November

Remembrance Parade, Mill Street & Cenotaph - Sun 13th November

Step Into Christmas, Market Place - Sat 26th November

Advent Window Trail - 1st December

Tree of Light, Market Place - Thursday 8th December

Late Night Shopping, Market Place & town centre - Thursday 15th December

Council Meetings

Council and Committee meetings are now being held face to face in the Town Hall. If you would like to attend a meeting please email the Town Clerk, Laura Smith at laura.smith@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk The full list of Council meetings is available on the website, but listed below are the remaining meetings for 2022

5th September - Finance

26th September - Services

3rd October - Full Council

7th November - Finance

21st November - Services

12th December - Full Council



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