

MaccUpdate

Macclesfield Town Council Community Newsletter

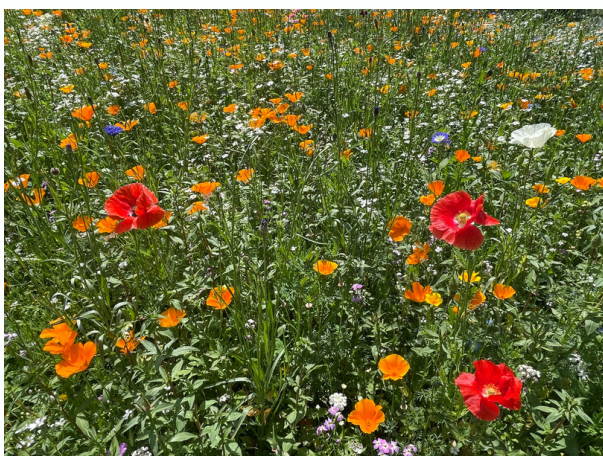


It's official

Macclesfield is

BLOOMING

Marvellous!



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Introduction from

*Cllr Fiona Wilson,
The Mayor of Macclesfield*

Welcome to the Winter 2022 edition of our Macc Update which is packed with reports of the work of the Town Council, information about local groups and details of the events being organised by the Town Council over the festive period.



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Alex Greensmith Nub News

I was delighted that we won a Gold Award in Britain in Bloom last month and want to thank all those who made this possible including the community groups, volunteers and our own Town Ranger Team. We showed the judge round the various community projects and the town centre on one of the hottest days of the year and this award is a fantastic recognition of the hard work put in by all involved.



Thank you to everyone who has supported my events to raise funds for my two charities, Macclesfield Youth Brass Band and North West Air Ambulance. My quiz was very well attended raising over £400 and the wreath making workshop sold out so quickly, we are thinking of running another one. Whilst I fully appreciate that times are tough for everyone at the moment, if you or your organisation can make a donation or provide raffle prizes for future events please email civic@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk.

In this edition, you will also find details of the warm spaces being provided by the churches of Macclesfield to provide support to residents with a warm place to meet, talk and enjoy a hot drink. Our country is going through difficult times at the moment and many are apprehensive about the immediate future, so warm spaces are being made available to those who need them.



The Town Council has organised an exciting programme of Christmas events to bring us all together to celebrate in our lovely town. Further information is included in this Update. Footfall figures are indicating that events held in the Town Centre are drawing many more people into town and the Town Council will focus on bringing excellent quality events to the town centre. My Mayoral theme this year is Our Community Stronger Together and I would encourage everyone to come out and join in the events and support our local shops and businesses.



Finally, I would like to thank the residents and veterans who came together at our Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday to honour those who have given their lives in the service of our country. I was proud to lead our Act of Remembrance as Mayor of Macclesfield at the Service and Parade and to take the Salute along with the Deputy-Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Clare Hayward MBE. I was especially pleased to see the number of young people involved in both the parade and wreath laying ceremony. I would like to thank all of those involved in the organisation of this special and moving ceremony bringing us all together to remember in a very respectful way.



Gold for Bloom

There were celebrations in Macclesfield at the end of October as the town was officially declared blooming marvellous. After only its third year of entering the competition, Macclesfield struck gold in the region's leading environmental competition, the North West Britain in Bloom Awards, having previously been awarded Silver and Silver Gilt in the Small City category.

Bloom Committee Chair Cllr Janet Jackson MBE said: "We are absolutely thrilled to win gold in this prestigious competition. The success started with the hard work put in by the Macclesfield in Bloom committee, and we received fantastic support from volunteers, residents, businesses and organisations across the town centre and various wards of the town."

Committee member John Williams said the award was "for the town of Macclesfield, not just the In Bloom volunteers".



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Main photo L-R; Karyn Johnston – East Cheshire Hospice, John Williams – Macclesfield In Bloom Volunteer, Gordon Richardson – Macc Wild Network, Cllr Janet Jackson MBE - Macclesfield in Bloom Chair, Maria Hyde – Grow Macclesfield Volunteer, Michelle Walker Brown – East Cheshire Hospice, Laura Smith – Town Clerk, Alejandra Eifflaender – Grow Macclesfield

Events are *BACK!*

After a couple of years of scaling down and running online events, we are back to running face to face events for everyone to enjoy. Below is a recap of all the things the Town Council has been up to over the last couple of months.

The Mayor's South Park Centenary Picnic

With glorious weather to help the day on, the Mayor of Macclesfield held a picnic in South Park to celebrate the centenary of this Macclesfield landmark. With free icecreams and picnic boxes along with games and music the day was a roaring success!



The Mayor's



The Mayor of Macclesfield held a charity quiz at the Packhorse Bowling and Social Club, raising over £400 for her chosen charities Macclesfield Youth Brass Band and North West Air Ambulance.

Regardless of the weather our Nature Needs You event will always go ahead - the idea is to encourage people to get outside and enjoy the natural world.



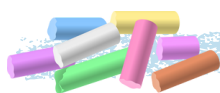
We had birds of prey, marshmallow toasting, bird box building, welly pledges, lavender bag making, story telling, creepy crawlies and much more!



ECO SUMMIT 2022



A great morning of like minded folk meeting for the second Eco Summit, to hear about various green initiatives such as the community tree nursery, retrofit projects, and re-wilding.

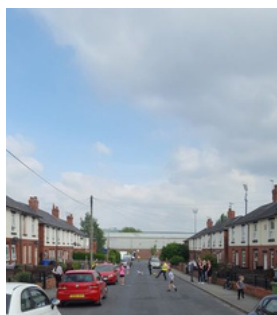


Playing Out



Macclesfield Town Council were so proud to be able to bring Playing Out to the Moss Estate, working with Cre8.

Mayor of Macclesfield Cllr Fiona Wilson and Cheshire East South Ward Cllr Brian Puddicombe completed a training course allowing them to safely and officially close a road, and then children were invited to ditch their electronics and get outside. A fun day was had by all!



Spooky Saturday

Spooky Saturday has been one of our favourites this year. A day of makes in the Crafty Crypt, face painting in Market Place and a Pumpkin Trail around town involving local shops and even a zombie brass band - what wasn't there to love!



And it doesn't stop there. Read all about our Christmas programme on the following pages and get ready to celebrate Chinese New Year with us in January. We will celebrate our silk road links with China with a dragon parade, add a rabbit to the giant papier-mache zodiac animal list, there will be Chinese food and music to sample as well as craft sessions and some augmented reality.

Follow Macclesfield Town Council on social media, visit our website or watch out for posters around town to be kept up to date

Out and About with the Mayor of Macclesfield

The Mayor of Macclesfield, Cllr Fiona Wilson has been kept very busy over the last few months attending a whole variety of different events, as well as hosting a few of her own!

During the summer the Mayor held a centenary picnic in South Park with a chance for people to see the proposed plans for the new South Park Pavillion and she also oversaw the traffic management for a Playing Out session in her ward.

Most recently Cllr Wilson hosted a quiz night at the Pack Horse Bowling and Social club, raising over £400 for her chosen charities Macclesfield Youth Brass Band and North West Air Ambulance.

Out and about in the community the Mayor has welcomed participants to the Eco Summit, read a story at Nature Needs You in West Park, visited schools, welcomed people to the Age UK Older Persons day, judged a dog competition at Treacle Market, opened a performing art school and a bakery, attended a Royal British Legion event, AND proclaimed the accession of our new monarch King Charles III.

If you would like the Mayor to attend your event, speak at your school assembly, or open your new business, please get in touch by calling 01625 374142 or complete the form on the Town Council website www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk



South Park Pavillion

An update on the Town Council's plans for a revamped pavillion in South Park

Macclesfield Town Council completed extensive consultation events held throughout August to determine the preferred scheme to replace the existing South Park Pavilion. Over 700 residents responded with their views on 5 different designs by local architects, Bower Mattin and Young. Two designs received strong endorsement and the council's architects were asked to create a design which is a fusion of resident's preferences.



The proposed scheme is for a two storey eco sensitive pavilion designed to provide a wide range of flexible spaces suitable for family gatherings, fitness, dance and regular cultural events. The ground floor consists of large café area with chill out spaces housing local art exhibits and magazines. It will lead to a canopied outdoor terrace with seating overlooking the bandstand. There are also two large multipurpose rooms which can provide a space for people to gather. The first floor overlooks the park and tennis courts. It will provide an event space for exhibitions, music, comedy nights and large family celebrations of up to 100 people.



Artist impression of the new South Park pavilion

The building will provide an information point for future events in the park and local area, together with a first aid post including a defibrillator.

There will be a Changing Places toilet with baby changing for all park users.

It is intended that the new building will reuse the existing pavilion slab and foundations. It will be super insulated and incorporate a turf/sedum roof to create a high thermal mass which will also assist water attenuation. Passive solar gain combined with a heat recovery and recirculation ventilation system, photo voltaic cells and air source heat pumps will be at the core of the renewable energy proposals.

Local stone and timber will be used in construction which will feature green walls as a part of the target to control the carbon footprint.

A detailed planning application has now been submitted to Cheshire East Council.



IT'S CHR

Once again the Town Council have planned a fantastically festive Christmas programme for the town to enjoy - we have everything from events, shopping, food and drink, plus a trail for the whole family to get involved in.



The town's Christmas celebrations kick off with a Christmas wreath making workshop on Tuesday 22nd November with proceeds going to the Mayor of Macclesfield's charities Macclesfield Youth Brass Band and North West Air Ambulance. This sell out evening saw tickets fly out of the door within 1 day of going on sale.

Step into Christmas

The town's Christmas celebrations will continue on Saturday 26th November. Kicking off in Market Place from 10am and finishing at 5pm. We have Silk FM's Darren Antrobus compering the day and you can see performers on the stage including Majestic Theatre Group and local singer Sam Austin. We have dance performances, a couple of small fairground rides, face painters, a 'living window', Macclesfield Youth Brass Band, Santa's grotto, the Santa parade and more. We encourage all those attending the event to also visit the high street shops and take advantage of the great food and drink on offer from local businesses.



Advent Window Trail

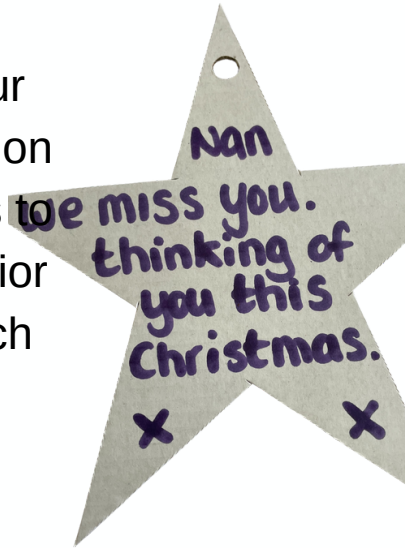


Shop windows around town will be undergoing a mysterious Christmassy transformation. What is better at this time of year than sitting down with a hot chocolate and watching a Christmas film. But can you guess what film your favourite shop has tried to recreate?! With 30 high street shops taking part, pick up your paper copy of the Advent Window Trail map at the Visitor Information Centre in Market Place from Thursday 1st December.

ISTMAS!

TREE OF LIGHT

Macclesfield Town Council will once again be holding our Tree of Light ceremony around the tree in Market Place on Thursday 8th December. Bespoke stars with messages to loved ones will be hung on the tree in celebration just prior to the event, and the ceremony will feature a short church service, alongside traditional carols.



Late night shopping

And then our final event for everyone is Thursday 15th December - Late Night Shopping. In collaboration with Macclesfield Hospitality Action, we are bringing the tipi back to Market Place for one night only. Join us for an alfresco (under a tent, on a seat with a heater!) beverage and some food from local providers, plus entertainment and then go and get some Christmas presents for your loved ones from the many shops open around town. There is everything from gift shops to record shops, clothes shops to crafts, and even somewhere to stock up on a beery tippie for Santa!

Open from 2-8pm

MACCLESFIELD UKRAINIAN CONVERSATION CAFE

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

Examples of recent grant awards -

- Holy Trinity Church Hurdsfield were awarded £1,940 towards a community engagement project
- Barnaby Festival were successful in their request for £2000 to put towards research and stakeholder engagement as well as strengthening the board and their digital presence
- Macclesfield Cricket Club were awarded £2000 to create an area for women, children and disabled players
- Cygnets were awarded £2000 for equipment for their new rehearsal and performance space
- Just Drop In were awarded £1240 for a summer programme for children
- S:Park were awarded £250 for a centenary event

Micro grant applications can be considered at any time. Small and large grant applications are considered at Finance Committee meetings. Deadlines for applications are below.

**13th January 2023
3rd March 2023**

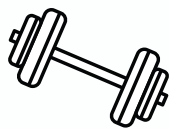
Visit www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/your-council/community-grants/ for more information





Macclesfield Town Council is committed to encouraging the people of Macclesfield to get up and move.

Each year there are a large number of initiatives not only put on by the Town Council, but also run by external organisations and supported by the Councillors and council staff. These are aimed at getting people off their sofas and out into the fresh air and taking part in some exercise. The programmes are designed for all fitness levels and abilities, and everyone is welcome.



We have a specific programme for children called Street Sports which runs all year in three locations

Plus an 18+ programme called Park Fit with Personal Trainer Matt Rigby, which takes place outside in the warmer months and inside during the winter.

Read more about them overleaf!

WINTER 2022

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

Make sure you follow Macclesfield Town Council and Peak Active Sport on Facebook to be kept up to date.

Park Fit People!

The Town Council originally partnered with Matt Rigby, a local personal trainer and run club organiser, back in June 2019, and commissioned him to run free Park Fit sessions in South Park. These well attended, 30 minute sessions made the most of equipment already in the park, supported by kit that Matt would bring with him.



When the pandemic struck Matt moved Park Fit into his kitchen and broadcast live over facebook twice a week, continuing to put us through our paces and keep us moving when other exercise options were limited.

Fast forward to today, and we are back to face to face sessions. Park Fit returned to South Park at the start of the Summer seeing large numbers take advantage of working out in the fresh air and beautiful surroundings.

With the on-set of the winter months, Park Fit has moved inside and can be found at All Hallows Sports Hall, 6-6:45pm on Thursdays. Sessions are FREE!

If you want any more information or want to discuss an injury with Matt that you think might impact you joining in then you can call/message him on 07769 211684.

Make sure you follow Macclesfield Town Council and Matthew Rigby PT on facebook to be kept up to date.

The churches of Macclesfield have come together to open their doors and offer warm spaces to those who need them



Church Warm Spaces - Winter 2022/23

Our churches are pleased to welcome people of all faiths and no faith to our warm spaces that are available at the following times:

Church	Heated and open to the public on....	Specific Purpose (if any)	Any Other Comments
All Saints Church, 2 St Andrew's Rd, Macclesfield, SK11 8HA	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday of the month 10:00 am -11:30 am	Tea, coffee & cakes. Play area for toddlers	No charge for food and drink, donations welcome.
Broken Cross Methodist Church, Whirley Road, Macclesfield, SK10 3JR	Thursdays, 10:00 am – 12:00	Pop-up Cafe	Voluntary donations for refreshments
Community Hub, Holy Trinity Hurdsfield Church, 197A Hurdsfield Rd, Macclesfield, SK10 2PX	Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Drop In for those who would like to meet others, enjoy a cuppa and a chat, and there maybe toast!	No charge
Gawsworth Methodist Church, Dark Lane, Gawsworth, Macclesfield SK11 9QZ	Thursdays, 10:00 am – 12:00	Tea, Coffee & Company	People can sit in and have a hot drink free of charge.
Life Church, Hawthorn Rd, Bollington, SK10 5JN	Mondays 10:00 am – 12:00	Tea, Coffee & Chat	Drinks are free
Macclesfield Methodist Church, Westminster Rd, Macclesfield, SK10 1BX	Fridays 10:00 am – 12:00	Tea, coffee, drinks	Charge for drinks but people can sit in without buying
Silklife Community Hub, George Street, Macclesfield, SK11 6HS	Wednesdays 10:00- 12:00	Employment Advice & CV Support, Emergency Food Crisis Support, Table Football, Pool, Table Tennis, Music Corner, hot drinks, toast & toppings	No charges for any of the advice, support, games or refreshments. Seating area available to just 'chill and chat.'
St Michael and All Angels Church, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY	Mondays - Wednesdays 10:00 am – 12:00	Drinks and snacks available	No purchase necessary to sit in either Cafe or Worship area.
	Thursdays - Saturdays 10:00 am – 3:00pm	Drinks, snacks & hot meals available	People pay what they can afford. No purchase necessary to sit in.
	Sundays 9:30 am – 11:45 am	Sunday Worship followed by free drinks	No purchase necessary to sit in. Open till 3pm on Treacle Sundays.
St Paul's Church, Glegg St, Macclesfield, SK11 7AJ	Tuesdays 10:30 am – 01:00pm	Tea, coffee, snacks and craft making activities.	No charges made. Donations welcome.
	Saturdays 9:00 am- 11:00	Tea, coffee, cereals, light breakfast and a chat	
	Sundays 10:30 – 12:30 pm	Worship service followed by refreshments	

2022/3 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.

Christmas Wreath Workshop - Tues 22nd November 2022 **SOLD OUT**

Step Into Christmas, Market Place - Sat 26th November 2022

Treacle Market - Sun 27th November 2022

Advent Window Trail - from Thurs 1st December 2022

Tree of Light, Market Place - Thurs 8th December 2022

Late Night Shopping, Market Place & town centre - Thurs 15th December 2022

Treacle Market - Sun 18th December 2022

Chinese New Year parade and celebrations - Sat 21st January 2023

Council Meetings

Council and Committee meetings are open to the public. 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 upcoming meetings for the next few months

Mon 21st November - Services - 7pm

Fri 25th November - Planning - 10am

Mon 12th December - Full Council - 7pm

Fri 16th December - Planning - 10am

Fri 13th January - Planning - 10am

Fri 3rd February - Planning - 10am

Mon 13th February - Finance - 7pm

Fri 24th February - Planning - 10am

Mon 27th February - Services - 7pm



We get a lot of phone calls at Macclesfield Town Council about parking issues, bin collections and council tax. Whilst we will always help by giving you the right phone number, why not cut out and keep this handy guide explaining what the Town Council does vs what Cheshire East Council does.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS



Macclesfield Town Council

is the parish council for the town of Macclesfield and supports the below services

- Community Grants/Development
- Floral Displays/Town Ranger
- Christmas Lights
- Making the Town Attractive
- Street Sports
- Support CCTV Services
- Tourism Promotion & Visitor Centre
- Community Events
- Food Festival, Eco Summit & Youth Summit
- Mayor of Macclesfield
- Parkrun & Junior ParkRun
- Funding Parks & Play Areas
- Remembrance Events
- Statutory Consultee for all Macclesfield Planning Applications
- Allotments

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Cheshire East Council

is the principal authority for all of Cheshire East and supports the below services

- Schools
- Libraries
- Highways (eg pot holes)
- Waste and Recycling Collections
- Council Tax
- Business Rates
- CCTV
- Benefits
- Licensing
- Social Services & Social Care
- Planning & Building Regulations
- Public/Environmental Health
- Parks & Play Areas
- Crematorium
- Car Parks
- Road & Footpath Gritting
- Regeneration

0300 123 5500

These lists are not exhaustive, but hopefully helpful

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South Ward

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Cllr Neil Puttick - neil.puttick@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Tytherington Ward

Cllr David Edwardes - david.edwardes@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Cllr Lloyd Roberts - lloyd.roberts@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

West and Ivy Ward

Cllr Alift Harewood MBE - alift.harewood@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

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