



**Macclesfield Town Council  
Community grant feedback form  
Interim project update**

It is a condition of Macclesfield Town Council community grants that a report of how the grant was used is given to the council on request.

Therefore, when requested, you are asked to complete the below form and return to the Assistant Town Clerk. The form will be shared with the Finance Committee and in the committee reports which are put onto our website.

**We are requesting an interim progress report.**

<b>Name of organisation</b>	Silklife Foodbank, Macclesfield
<b>Contact name</b>	Team Lead Coordinator – Dan Blackman
<b>Date grant awarded</b>	16.02.2023
<b>Amount awarded</b>	£2,000

Have you made any progress on your project so far? If so, tell us about this below:

The Nappybank continues to serve an average of 27 families per month since funding was awarded, with new families requesting support each month. This equates to approximately 270 packs of nappies being given out freely to families in need who have requested our support through either our Facebook Page, Foodbank referrals or walkins at the door. A total of 135 parcels has been distributed since February 2023. The funding has really helped us to keep a good stock of nappies where public donations haven't been enough, this means we never have to refuse a family through lack of stock.

Bright Horizons nursery in Tytherington have since learned about the project and are now hosting a collection point for the public to donate nappies, wipes and baby accessories. We have currently spent £600 of the £2k and are trying very hard to make it last for the full 12 months matching purchases made with our own funds.

The weening kits are now available through requests from local health visitor professionals, who usually collect 5 at a time. The general public have also got excited about these kits and have begun making specific donations. The mental health team also collect nappies for their clients. The nappybank currently has 2 part-time volunteers. Despite an online request through an Amazon wish list, this has been unsuccessful for the amount of time invested, however, physical donations at Aldis and Sainsburys have increased since funding.

What have you learned from so far from this project?

That one set week in a month for collection is not a reliable model. It is really important that we are available every week as nappies run out for families at different times of the month.

It is important to signpost visitors to other help that they may require such as the foodbank, cre8 grocery, Macclesfield Community Initiative, and citizens advice.

Size 0 nappies have increased in price from 79 pence shop branded to over £4 because shops no longer do their own branded nappies for premature babies. This is a huge expense for those who have babies prematurely. We are currently exploring to see if there is a way of purchasing bulk at a discount.

When do you expect the project to be complete?

ONGOING INDEFINITELY

**Please return this form to [helena.gowler@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:helena.gowler@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)**