

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

To update committee on progress and work associated with the street scene.

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8.1 Public Realm Furniture

A bid has been submitted to the shared prosperity fund, that if successful will fund new benches, bins, planters etc for the pedestrian areas of Macclesfield.

A further bid has been submitted called 'Museum on the Street' which will be information boards around the town of the heritage, character and quirky things to visit. This will also form a trail with an accompanying map. This has been approved.

Highways have agreed to 3 noticeboards as follows:

- Castle St
- Mill St
- Buxton Rd (from the Macclesfield East Ward budget)

We have also secured space at the station.

The town centre boards will be used to advertise our events and if successful with Museum on the street, we will use the back of them as part of that project.

8.2 Town Ranger

See attached report.

8.3 01625 Gallery

The 01625 gallery has moved into its next phase. Report attached.

8.4 Community Enforcement

Community Enforcement issues that can be dealt with are:

- Abandoned vehicles (more than 4 weeks unless they are in a state of disrepair)
- Dog fouling
- Fly tipping
- Business Waste
- Litter

Since 15th June 2023 (the last report), the Community Enforcement Officer has dealt with the below number of incidents up until 8th November 2023:

Abandoned vehicles: 62
Fly tipping: 24
Dog fouling: 10
Dog fouling sign request: 4
Littering: 1

The Community Enforcement Officer had several patrol plans in place for different areas of Macclesfield. However, as dog fouling is such an issue, a patrol plan has now been created for the whole town.

We are looking into the possibility of some covert patrols within the problem areas.

8.5 Echoes of the Past

The exhibition of photographs which was part of the Heritage Open Day was a huge success. At least 200 to 300 visitors called in during the event.

People were asked to cast their vote on their favourite photograph.

There was great interest shown with some very positive comments made by people of all ages verbally, as well as those written on the voting slips.

The winning photographs were the Town Hall and Waters Green.

Our plan is to install the view of the Town Hall at the end of the pedestrian zone of Chestergate, on the wall. Then as people look down towards the Town Hall, they can see how it looks now alongside the historical photograph, this will be part of Museum on the Street.

We are going to look at the possibility of installing the Waters Green photograph at the train station on the railings.

Trevor Druce has been working with the Grosvenor Centre who have offered to display photographs in a vacant shop window. The old photographs will be displayed next to an image of how that view looks now.

The Turquoise Garden Restaurant on Park Lane has offered to display the panoramic photograph of the old library and fountain on the border of their patio area.

Plus where possible we will use photos for the Museum on the Street project also.



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