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Macclesfield Town Council Community Newsletter



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Introduction from the new

Mayor of Macclesfield

Cllr Chris Wilcock



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Firstly I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, for electing me and for giving me the opportunity to represent Macclesfield as Mayor for 2023/24.

Being re-elected as a Councillor gives me the opportunity to continue to serve the people of Broken Cross and Upton, where I and my family live, but also to represent the whole of the town as Mayor.

During my time as a Councillor I have been witness to the many wonderful things that happen in Macclesfield, and my theme for my mayoral term is **Live Macclesfield, Love Macclesfield**. My thoughts behind this are looking at the town as a whole, the people in it, what they do as a community and what they can do for the town.

My charities are East Cheshire Hospice and East Cheshire Eye Society and I have chosen both of these charities as they are very close to my heart.

Throughout the year I want to work with them to hold events, raise money and also raise their profile

I hope to have a great year, raising money for my charities, raising their profile, encouraging community working and continually raising the profile of the town.

Finally I would like to thank my wife, Mayoress Katie Wilcock, and my mini Mayoress Sarah for their support.





Introd

YOUR Macclesfield Town



Cllr Dr Ruth Thompson
Broken Cross and Upton Ward



Cllr Chris Wilcock, Mayor of Macclesfield
Broken Cross and Upton Ward



Cllr Sandy Livingstone, Deputy Mayor
Central Ward



Cllr James Barber
Central Ward



Cllr Mick Warren
East Ward



Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake
Hurdsfield Ward

ucing Councillors for 2023/24



Cllr Neil Puttick
South Ward



Cllr Fiona Wilson
South Ward



Cllr David Edwardes
Tytherington Ward



Cllr Emma Gilman
Tytherington Ward



Cllr Alift Harewood-Jones, MBE
West and Ivy Ward



Cllr Mike Hutchison
West and Ivy Ward



Rangers

The Macclesfield Town Council Rangers have a fantastic fan base in Macclesfield, and well deserved it is too!

The Macclesfield Town Ranger service was started in 2019 and initially employed one full time Ranger. The team now has three full time members of staff who have many years of experience between them.

The Rangers take on a number of tasks, either allocated by council officers or sent in by members of the public. They cover everything from cleaning hard to reach areas such as road signs, ginnels, grot spots, street furniture repairs as well dedicating time to planting and watering the lovely floral arrangements around town.

The Town Ranger team are extremely popular with residents of the town, who like to take the time to stop and thank the Rangers for their work.

James, Damon, Shaun

Macclesfield Town Council Rangers



Apply now for a *GLOW-UP* grant

The Town Council supports local independent shops and helps with the regeneration of the town in many different ways ...

... and this summer we are continuing that support by introducing

GLOW-UP grants

Glow-Up grants will be available to local independent SME's (Small to Medium Enterprise) to help them improve their shop fronts in a way which will enhance the look of their business and make them stand out as gems on our high street and in our town.

Shops will be able to apply for a one off grant of up to £1,000 and criteria would be;

- Local independent shop
- Situated in one of the Macclesfield Wards
- Is an SME
- Consideration could also be given to new shops, helping them to get ready to open.

Applications may include but are not limited to:

- Repainting
- Artwork for the windows
- Towards costs of awnings (subject to approval from CEC)
- New signage
- Blooms e.g. hanging baskets, window boxes etc

Macclesfield Town Council has produced a Shop Front Design Guide which aims to help local traders work to improve their shop fronts. This work was undertaken to ensure that Macclesfield preserves its character and uniqueness, and many residents were involved and contributed their views. A copy is available on request and will be given to anyone interested in the grant scheme.

For more information and to download your application form go to:
www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/glowupgrants

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Events in 2023

There is so much going on this year we can't quite believe it!

Not only events put on by the Town Council, but also events run by other organisations that the Town Council choose to support, be it through grants or help with organisation and road closures.

So far this year we have had the Macclesfield Bikeathon that raises money for Just Drop-In, Party in the Pews which is already in planning mode for 2024, and the return of Barnaby Festival and the fantastic parade.

All MTC organised or supported events can be found on our website
www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/whats-on

Other events that we have to look forward to include the below:

Saturday/Sunday 1st- 2nd July - Macc Pow

Sunday 2nd July - Armed Forces Day

Saturday 15th July - Macc Pride

Sunday 30th July - Treacle Market



FREE EVENTS

What's On Macclesfield

**DO
SOMETHING
SUMMER!**



What's on this Wednesday? Whether you want to make a kite, express yourself in chalk or hunt for treasure we've got something for everyone in Macclesfield this Summer.

**July
26th**
11AM - 3PM

Street Photography

Market Place

Join photographer Simon Buckley to learn how to get the best from your smartphone camera and find and capture the beauty that's all around you.

**August
2nd**
11AM - 3PM

Chalk Art

Castle Street

Urban Canvas are coming to town to help us transform Castle Street for the day. Come along and prepare to get a little bit messy!

**August
9th**
11AM - 3PM

Kite Making

Market Place

ArtSpace are ready to help you make the most of Macclesfield's beautiful parks and windy days with a special kite-making workshop. Make and decorate your own kite to take home (or straight to the park!).

**August
16th**
11AM - 3PM

Comic Art

Market Place

Renowned cartoonist and Macc Pow founder Marc Jackson is on hand to help YOU find your inner comic artist - all materials will be provided at this drop-in session, just bring plenty of imagination!

**August
23rd**
11AM - 3PM

Treasure Trail

Discover the hidden secrets of Macclesfield with this Special Edition Treasure Hunt. The trail will guide you all over town to hunt for clues and uncover the history hidden in plain site. Trail maps will be available **outside the Town Hall**, 11am - 3pm. Limited numbers, first come, first served.

**August
30th**
11AM - 3PM

Circus School

Market Place

If you saw the Flying Wheelnuts at our Easter celebrations and wanted to get involved then now is your chance! LetsCircus are bringing their Circus Skills workshops to Market Place for our Do Something Summer grand finale!

At Macclesfield Town Council we're proud to host events which bring residents and visitors back into our town centre and support our amazing local businesses.

FREE EVENTS

**DO
SOMETHING
SUMMER!**

**It's not just us.
See what else is on around
town this summer.**

The Silk Museum, Park Lane

**Every Saturday, 1pm - 4pm
17th June - 2nd September**

Do Something...Arty!

Drop into the Silk Museum classroom every Saturday afternoon and learn a different art techniques each week -

have a go at weaving, sculpting, painting, printing and more!

for more details go to macclesfieldmuseums.co.uk/whats-on

The Grosvenor Centre

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th August

The Entertainer is bringing the Nerf Test Centre to The Grosvenor Centre!

Get your hands on the latest and best Nerf Blasters and test your aim.

Then head to The Entertainer Macclesfield to see the full range.

Don't forget to share your photos from the event with #TheEntertainerVIP

Thursday 17th August, 11am - 3pm

Roll Up, Roll Up, for a free fun-filled event that gives children the chance to learn plate spinning, diablos, juggling, unicycling and stilt walking, all taught by a professional circus trainer.

Kids will also be able to make their own wood flipping acrobat kit to take home! No need to book, just turn up and join in the free, family fun!

Macclesfield Library

Ready, Set, Read!

Join the Summer Reading Challenge at Macclesfield Library.

Read six library books over the summer holidays, collecting stickers along the way AND receive a medal and certificate if you finish!

There's loads of fantastic books to choose from. It's fun, it's free and it's local!

Thursday 3rd August

Head to the library for their STEM taster event and have fun testing out lots of different STEM-related activities - learn how to code a mini robot ball, play with a Lego robot or design your own piece of coding using Scratch

There will be three sessions, 10.00am, 10.45am or 11.30am

Places are limited so please contact Macclesfield Library on

01625 374000 to book your half hour slot.

Town Event Kit

The Town Council have had deckchairs and gazebos for over a year now and they are a vital part of every event we hold. But did you know that the kit is also available to community groups who are holding events.



We have:

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 Nature Needs You, Bikeathon, Macc Pride, Party in the Pews, Coronation parties and Treacle Market.

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.

Blooming Marvelous!

After winning GOLD at the Northwest in Bloom awards in 2022, in the Small City category (all to do with the size of the population), the committee and volunteers are keen to equal their result this year.

As well as submitting the town as one entry, there are specific elements that have this year been submitted in their own category, such as East Cheshire Hospice, and the "Small Retail" area of Upper Market Place, where the beautiful planters outside R&G's Beer Vault and Five Clouds Tap & Bottle create a wonderful green space for people to sit and enjoy food and drinks from our local vendors.

The Town Council are also looking for businesses to take part in making the town green. Is your shop or business in the Town Centre and able to put up a hanging basket, or is it on a wide enough pavement that it can accommodate a planter without affecting pedestrians, then let us know. Be it a riot of colourful bee-loving plants, or a textural sensory planter filled with scented herbs, we want to know about it!

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sticker!



Volunteers

Events are a big part of what Macclesfield Town Council does and delivers for the town, and in order to keep things running smoothly, the Town Council relies on a vital team of volunteers. Volunteering with the Council is not about replacing paid staff, but about complementing and adding value to the work they already do.



Macclesfield Town Council are looking for more volunteers to help with the events programme, which sees roughly one event a month take place in the town. Roles are varied, training and equipment will be provided, and you get to work with a great team at times that suit you. Examples include; road closure steward, performer liaison, refreshments coordinator, events promotion, grotto supervisor, panda escort plus many more. You can do as much or as little as you want, even an hour a month in a public facing or background role would help our events go without a hitch.

Volunteers

Comments from current volunteers : -

"Volunteering for Council Events is always a pleasure. Not only do you get to meet many people but also have a great time. And you get to work to better the community of Macclesfield..."

"I love to support the Town Council and the Town Centre."

"I don't have a regular 9-5 job so it means I have spare time on my hands, and this is a great way to fill it."

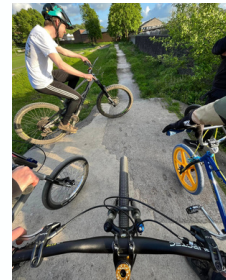
For more information go to:

www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/community/get-involved-volunteering

or call 01625 374142

Parks and Play Areas

Clark and Kent have been contracted to revamp the BMX track in Windmill Park. They will be engaging with the community over the summer and we hope the work will be done in September.



Also, the Town Council has committed funding for an accessible roundabout for West Park and to widen the gate from Sainsburys so that it is suitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters and double buggies.



Plus, funding is committed to South Park, going towards a new trim trail, orienteering equipment and marking the parkrun route.



Finally, local artist Dick Vincent, recently added artwork to the skate park in Weston park and hopefully goal posts will be added soon!

You said ... We did

We take all feedback very seriously, and if we can improve or change the way we do something, then we will!

You said There should have been bunting at the Jubilee parties

We agree - and for the coronation parties taking place in May there will be bunting!

We did



You said The Halloween event was great but we want to see more events in town

Macclesfield Town Council will be putting on 20 FREE events in 2023 (and supporting another 7+) which will appeal to everyone

We did



You said There are no accessible public toilets in the town centre

Macclesfield Town Council put £110,000 towards new toilets for public use, including baby change facilities and a fully accessible Changing Places toilet

We did



You said It would be great to see Park Green being used more

Macclesfield Town Council are working closely with the Silk Museum, URC and others in the area to ensure that events are brought to the area and with Cheshire East Council on an upcoming art project

We did



You said We don't shop in the Indoor Market because we don't know what is there.

Macclesfield Town Council has put up three extra large maps in the lift area and at the front and back of the Indoor Market showing all the businesses inside.

We did



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 -

- Hurdsfield Phoenix FC were awarded £2000 to get kit for their expanding team of players



- Silklife Food Bank were awarded £2000 towards nappies/weaning kits for new parents

- Friends of West Park awarded £250 towards a monthly calendar of events



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

Deadlines for applications are below.



9am on Fri 11th August 2023 – Decision made on Monday 11th September
9am on Fri 13th October 2023 – Decision made on Monday 13th November

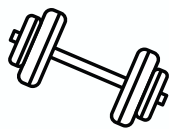
Visit www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/your-council/community-grants for more information





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, 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!

SUMMER 2023

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.



Matthew Rigby PT
Overcome your Obstacles

These sessions are still running four years on, and the group meet at the bandstand in South Park every Thursday in term time, with the 45 minutes sessions running from 6-6:45pm.

Bring a drink, and if you have a yoga mat or towel for any floor work bring that along too. Sessions usually just use bodyweight, but sometimes Matt will bring equipment, or utilise what is already in the park.

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.

Shoot Some Hoops!

Something new is coming to the courts of West Park. Macclesfield FC Community Sports Trust will be running FREE Basketball sessions on behalf of the Town Council, for children aged 8-14.

This is a great addition to our Move More Macclesfield programme!

The background of the poster is a blue and white sunburst pattern. In the center is a basketball hoop with a red rim and a white net. An orange basketball is shown in mid-air, about to enter the hoop. The text 'FREE BASKETBALL SESSIONS' is written in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters across the top. Below this, in a light blue box, is the text 'STARTING 12TH JUNE EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 6PM-7PM'. Below that, in another light blue box, is the text 'Meet at the fenced court near the playground in West Park'. At the bottom, there are three logos: Macclesfield FC Community Sports Trust on the left, the text 'SUITABLE FOR AGES 8-14' in the center, and Macclesfield Town Council on the right. Below the central text is the website 'WWW.MACCLESFIELD-TC.GOV.UK'.

FREE BASKETBALL SESSIONS

**STARTING 12TH JUNE
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT
6PM-7PM**

**Meet at the fenced court near
the playground in West Park**



SUITABLE FOR AGES 8-14

Parent/carers are required to stay

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2023/4 Council Meetings

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 on laura.smith@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk. The full list of Council meetings is available on the MTC website, but listed below are the upcoming meetings for the next few months

3rd July - Finance Committee
5th July - Planning Committee
10th July - Services Committee
24th July - FULL COUNCIL
26th July - Planning Committee
16th August - Planning Committee
6th September - Planning Committee
11th September - Finance Committee
27th September - Planning Committee
2nd October - Services Committee
16th October - FULL COUNCIL



What We Do

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 & Park Fit
- Support CCTV Services
- Tourism Promotion & Visitor Centre
- Community Events
- Eco Summit
- Mayor of Macclesfield
- Parkrun & Junior ParkRun
- Funding Parks & Play Areas
- Remembrance Events
- Statutory Consultee for all Macclesfield Planning Applications
- Allotments

01625 374142



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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