

**Report Purpose:**

To update members on community engagement work

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**5.1 Community Engagement Update**

We currently have 24 volunteers. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024, our volunteers have contributed 79.5 hours to the work of the town council. At a minimum wage rate of £10.42 an hour, this equates to £828.39. The volunteers are a fantastic addition to the team and now that our events are growing, their help is invaluable.

We hosted one work experience student in June. The placement went very well. We are hosting another student in August.

The Macclesfield PCN (Primary Care Network) social prescribing link workers reached out in July to ask us if we would like to help plan their upcoming event. This will be the largest scale event they have organised and will comprise of around 55 stalls spread over four locations on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The four locations are Macclesfield Town Hall, The Grosvenor Centre, St Michael's Church and Market Place.

The Assistant Town Clerk has been attending the planning meetings to assist with advice. This will be the largest event they have organised and the aim is to showcase what the PCN can offer including falls prevention, blood pressure checks, guidance on how to get the best out of the NHS app, menopause support, gut health and lots more. As soon as the full schedule is confirmed, promotion will begin.

The Assistant Town Clerk attended the last Food Network meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August to listen to updates and offer support.

**5.2 CVS Update**

Please see attached report.