

Macclesfield Town Council Community grant feedback form End of project report

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. If you have not yet spent the entire grant, we are asking you to return this form with a progress report and an explanation of when the money will be spent.

The form will be shared with the Finance Committee, in committee papers and on our website.

Name of organisation	Upton Youth and Community Project
Contact name	Mike Waters – Fundraising Trustee Steve Saunders – Chair of Trustees
Date grant awarded	11/11/2024
Amount awarded	£2,000

Please describe how your grant was used:

The money was used to stock shelves for the Christmas holiday, to buy food items that were otherwise unavailable from our usual surplus and short-dated suppliers. This cost £735.

During the winter period we have seen a further increase in Pantry users, and further food items have been purchased when they were otherwise unavailable.

The Pantry has been able to run an Easter holiday project, to stock shelves with seasonal items and additional basic foodstuffs to prepare members for Easter weekend.

Details of the spending are shown in the attached Excel s/sheet, and a picture of the Easter shelves is attached.

How many people benefited from your project/activity?

The grant enabled supplies of food to 217 households, consisting of 345 adults and 212 children over the past 5 months since the grant was awarded.

What was the outcome of your grant?

An enormous difference to Pantry members, enabling them to eat a healthy diet, whilst also accessing free information about their rights, consumer and legal advice, support with job applications, and community fellowship over free tea or coffee, biscuits or cake.

What have you learned from this project?

- That the level of deprivation in Upton remains high, and the demand for the Pantry continues to increase, albeit more slowly than last winter.
- That relatively small donations regularly made, are more valuable to the Pantry continuing, than large headline sums on an irregular basis.
- The Pantry can leverage an overall expenditure of ~£50k per annum to provide a sustainable supply of food and advice worth almost 10x that amount to the most deprived area of the town.

Please insert at least one photograph of your project/event here. Please also attach evidence of the promotion you have carried out for this project (press articles/screenshots of social media posts etc).

- April Pantry News
- Photos of food on shelves, and a few members who have consented to photos.

Do you consent to the photographs you have provided being shared with the Finance Committee, on publicly available finance committee documents and on the Macclesfield Town Council website? Yes.

Please return this form to helena.gowler@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk