



**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.

Name of organisation	Upton Youth and Community Project
Contact name	[REDACTED]
Date grant awarded	11/11/2024
Amount awarded	£2000

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

Our grant application was to help with the costs of collecting and supplying food against a backdrop of increasing demand for our service.

We ran a Christmas Project for the three weeks prior to Christmas week and enjoyed good feedback, especially as the Pantry was due to be closed over the Holiday period, and incurred a cost of £735. The cost was lower than anticipated due to a high number of donated food items received from individuals and companies. The project enabled customers to select additional food items over and above the normal limit of 15 items per week, with products available specifically tailored to meet Christmas demand.

In 2024 visitors to the Pantry increased by 36%, and our visitor numbers are increasing again in January 2025. To meet this demand we are now undertaking weekly additional shops for cost effective basic foodstuffs to supplement the donations from the supermarkets who support us.

What have you learned from so far from this project?

The importance of flexibility in planning as demand continues to grow.

We have been able to recruit additional volunteers which has helped keep costs under control.

When do you expect the project to be complete?

We anticipate completion in 3 -4 months time.

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