## Report Purpose:

To update members on community engagement work

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## 5.1 Community Engagement Update

We currently have 31 volunteers. From 1st April 2025 to 19th June 2025, our volunteers have contributed 78 hours to the work of the town council. At a minimum wage rate of £11.44 an hour, this equates to £892.32.

We held our annual volunteer thank you event during volunteers week in June. We had two work experience students with us that week who created some brilliant games to play at the event.

The Assistant Town Clerk has been attending the Macclesfield Food Partnership meeting which is held once a month. This is very useful in understanding how the groups are working together to ensure coverage across the town.

The Macclesfield Partnership meeting was held at the end of February. The main priorities of this group are mental health and social isolation. Partners from Cheshire East Council, NHS, Police, local schools and charities attend this meeting so it is a great networking opportunity. As a result, we were approached by the crime prevention team from Cheshire Police to say that they would like to work with us in the future.

Community grants continue to be popular and we are seeing an increase in applications for groups who haven’t received funding from us previously. We now ask applicants to attend finance committee and following the last meeting, 2 groups are now working together on a project.

**5.2 CVS Update**

Annual report attached.

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