

Grant summary

Organisation

Changing Lives Together

Funding request

Funding is requested towards a buddy and befriending scheme currently supporting 48 people in Macclesfield.

Total cost

£1,000

Funding request

£1,000

Although the total cost and the funding request are the same amount, volunteer time will be gifted towards this project.

END OF REPORT

Macclesfield Town Council Large Community Grant application form

Grants from £250 up to £2,000

Community for Voluntary Services Cheshire East (CVSCE) is a registered charity and independent organisation that provides support and services to groups. CVSCE provides support to Macclesfield Town Council's grant programme by reviewing completed grant application forms to ensure they meet the criteria set out in the Council's Grants and Funding Policy. For more information, please refer to the policy.

CVSCE can also offer guidance on completing the application form.

Your Contact details

Please complete table 1.

Table 1 Contact details

Applicant name:	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation:	Head of Community Support
Organisation:	Changing Lives Together
Address:	Winsford Warehouse & Registered Office Unit 12, Road Two Winsford Industrial Estate Cheshire CW7 3QL
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
E-mail address:	[REDACTED]
Contact address (if different from above):	
Telephone number:	[REDACTED]
Website:	https://www.changing-lives-together.org.uk/buddy-and-befriending

Contact details for senior member of the organisation

This must be the chair, secretary, treasurer or a senior member of your committee and different from above.

Please complete table 2.

Table 2 Contact details for senior member of the organisation

Senior contact name:	
Contact address:	Same as above
Telephone number:	
E-mail:	
Position in organisation:	Head of Business Development

Organisation profile

Please complete table 3 to describe your organisation profile, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 3 Organisation profile

Registered charity:	Yes
Registration number:	1139983
Voluntary organisation:	No
Community group:	No
Company Limited by Guarantee:	No
Not for profit organisation:	Yes
Social enterprise:	Yes
Other:	
How long has your organisation been in existence?	Since 1997
What does your organisation do? (A summary of this information will be used on our website if your application is successful). Maximum of 50 words:	We are a Cheshire based charity, focused on making a difference in the lives of local people and having an impact on the wider environment. We deliver innovative solutions for environmental and social challenges that improve the lives of local people, their environment and their wellbeing.

Please complete table 4 on your organisation's land, premises and facilities, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 4 Land, premises and facilities

Own its own land/premises/facilities	No
Hire private land/premises/facilities	No
Hire local authority land/premises/facilities	No

Lease the land/premises/facilities	Yes
Please give details of lease expiry date/length of lease	Winsford Hub – 7 Years – Expiry - March 2029 Crewe – 4 Years – Expiry - May 2029

Please complete table 5 to indicate how many staff, paid or otherwise, are involved with your organisation.

Table 5 Number of staff/volunteers

Number of full time paid staff	37
Number of part time paid staff	27
Number of casual paid staff	4
Number of volunteers	For our B&B project = 360 overall charity approx 500

Previous funding

Has your organisation received a grant from Macclesfield Town Council before?

Please complete table 6, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 6 Previous funding

Previous funding from Macclesfield Town Council	No
If yes, please tell us when and how much was awarded:	N/A
How did you hear about the Community Grant Scheme?	Website

Your project/activity/event

Complete table 7 to describe you project, activity or event.

Table 7 Project/activity/event description

Date of activity/event or anticipated start date of project:	The project is ongoing.
Name of project (maximum 10 words):	Buddy & Befriending Scheme
Briefly describe what the grant you are requesting is required for and why it is needed (maximum 150 words):	As we know, loneliness is a silent killer and our B&B project is an impactful intervention, ensuring that the loneliest people in our community speak to someone at least once a week. Our support is for those aged over 18 but we mainly support those aged 60 + with the majority of our clients being 65 years and over. Our telephone service is a vital lifeline, offering companionship and emotional support that greatly improves mood, mental health, and overall wellbeing. For those who are housebound, these

	calls provide a powerful connection to the outside world and a genuine sense of care. The grant is needed to continue to provide this essential service and to expand our reach to even more individuals at risk of chronic loneliness and social isolation. With your support, we can ensure that no one in our community feels forgotten or alone.
If you are successful with your application, please describe what your project/event/activity will achieve and what difference it will make to your organisation/area, how it will extend/develop community activity and how it meets the criteria listed in the Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants (maximum 150 words):	Throughout the life of this project, we've worked hard to ensure that B&B is not something done to the community, nor simply in the community, it is something done with the community. By providing regular telephone support to the current 48 clients in Macclesfield and our efforts to continue to support many more, we will help to reduce loneliness and social isolation among vulnerable individuals in Macclesfield particularly older adults, carers, and those living alone. Building on the success of this service, we have recently expanded our offering with group sessions. These groups serve as a natural extension of our phone calls, providing a safe, welcoming, and non-judgemental space for those ready to take the next step towards in-person interaction. This improves overall wellbeing by providing regular emotional support, companionship, and connection, strengthens community ties by linking individuals to local groups, services, and volunteer-led activities.
How will your project or service be sustained in the future? Maximum 50 words):	We will sustain the project through a volunteer-led model, diversified funding (grants, donations, partnerships), and ongoing community engagement. By streamlining operations and demonstrating impact through evaluation, we aim to secure long-term support and reduce costs, ensuring this vital lifeline continues to support those most at risk of loneliness.
If your application is for an event and you make a profit, please state how this will be used:	N/A

Projected expenditure

Complete Table 8 with estimates of your total project costs and provide brief details. Use a separate sheet if necessary and provide quotes.

Please ensure that table 8 and table 9 add up to the same amount.

Table 8 Projected expenditure

Item	Estimated cost	Details
New build/refurbishment		

Item	Estimated cost	Details
Furniture/fixtures/fittings		
Equipment purchase		
Equipment hire		
Premises/facility hire		
Materials		
Advertising/marketing/publicity	£200	Posters, flyers, social media, liaising with local partners/organisations, GP surgeries & Social Prescribers.
Workshops/seminars/training	£300	Training information/literature training volunteers.
Other	£200	Contacting local groups to add to our directory for recommendation
	£300	Client & volunteer support, calls & in person.
Total Cost	£1000	

Projected income

Complete Table 9 to specify match funding from other sources (external grants, own contribution etc), selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Macclesfield Town Council will take into account your ability to obtain funding from other sources and from your own existing funds when recommending an award.

Table 9 Projected income

Item	Amount	Applied for and expected to hear date	Confirmed
Matched funding amount (Grants etc.)	0	No	Yes
Own existing funds/fundraising	0	No	Yes
Projected income from ticket sales etc.	N/A	N/A	Yes/No
Other Local Authority e.g. Borough/Town Parish	0	No	Yes
Sponsorship (Please specify)	0	No	Yes
Donations (please specify)	0	No	Yes
Non-cash or in-kind contributions** volunteers	£12.60 x 4 ppl Up to 52 weeks	No	Yes
Total projected income	0		
Amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council	£1000		

Item	Amount	Applied for and expected to hear date	Confirmed
Balance outstanding	0		
Please state exactly what the town council funding will pay for: The Town Council will be paying for the costs outlined in the table above. Our Buddy & Befriending Team will make posters/fliers and promote the Macclesfield project via social media and also place these in local shops, cafes, community halls, library's, Dr surgeries etc to recruit volunteers and most importantly clients to use the service. We will meet with the Social Prescribers in the area, to encourage them to refer clients from Macclesfield to the service. We will train all volunteers on how to be a befriender. We will contact local community groups and engage with them to promote the use of our service but also the use of their groups and any clients we receive that is interested in groups we will refer to these groups.			
If there is a balance outstanding or you are not awarded the full amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council, state below how the shortfall will be covered or whether the project will be delayed: As mentioned, we are continuously looking and applying for funding for the project as a whole. Any funding received will be spread across the project to help to support where we can. Applying to Macclesfield TC directly, if successful, would ear mark the funds to Macclesfield residents only.			

Accounts summary

Answer the questions below and complete Table 10 to summarise the organisation's most recent accounts.

Are the figures a projection because the organisation has been running less than 15 months? **No**

Are the figures from the organisation's latest accounts? **Yes**

If your organisation is VAT registered, please supply your VAT number: **109562414**

Table 10 Accounts summary

Account year ending	2024
Total income for the year:	£2,444.931
Total expenditure for the year:	£2,528.562
Surplus or deficit:	(83,661)
Total savings or reserves in the bank at year end:	£268,896

Bank details

Complete Table 11 with the organisation's bank details.

Table 11 Bank details

Organisation's bank account name (payee name):	Santander Payee – Changing Lives Together
Organisations bank account sort code and account number:	

Project beneficiaries and equality

Complete Table 12, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 12 Project beneficiaries and equality

Total number of people you expect to access your event, activity or facility:	The funding will cover full support of 4 new clients that are housebound for 1 year. However, we welcome more isolated people to join our service. We also welcome volunteers from the area to assist in the service.
Which groups will benefit from your project (i.e. age, disability, ethnicity, disadvantaged etc.)?	Any ethnicity, those housebound due to various reasons-disability, mental health etc, those that are elderly, those living alone.
Which geographical area (whole parish or ward(s)) will benefit most from your project, event or activity?	The whole of Macclesfield
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of age?	Yes over 18, adults only for this project.
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of disability?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of gender reassignment?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of marriage and civil partnership?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of pregnancy and maternity?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of race?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of religion and belief?	No

Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of sex?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of sexual orientation?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of political activity?	No

Supporting documentation

Please complete Table 13, selecting Yes or No to indicate if you have the documents. You do not need to send these documents in with your application (apart from your Governing Document, which must be signed, and Safeguarding Policies, to be supplied by e-mail or post within 7 days of submitting this application) but we may request copies at a later date.

Up to date Annual accounts/income and expenditure	Yes
Governing Document	Yes
Safeguarding policies	Yes
Relevant insurances	Yes
Quotes/estimates for equipment	N/A
Affiliation to a Governing Body	N/A
Equalities and Inclusion Policy	Yes
Planning permission	N/A

Data Protection

Please ensure that you read this section before submitting your application.

Grant application administration

Part or all of the information you supply to us will be held on our IT system. This information will be used for the administration of grant applications and for statistical analysis.

Copies of your application, but with personal details redacted, will be provided at the relevant council meeting for consideration of awarding the grant.

For transparency purposes, information about successful grant applications is added to our website and made available to the local press. The press may request contact details of someone able to provide additional information.

Please indicate below if you consent to us passing on your name and email address to the local press for this purpose.

Yes

Grant application support

Please indicate below if you agree for this form to be shared with CVSCE for the purposes of evaluating the application against Macclesfield Town Council's criteria for grants:

Yes

Please indicate below if you agree if to CVSCE contacting me by the following methods to provide feedback or offer additional support on completing this application:

Postal address	No
Email address	Yes
Phone	Yes

Declaration

Please complete table 13 – two signatories are required.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all the information contained within this application is correct.

I confirm that I understand, agree and accept the terms and conditions of this grant as set out in the Grants and Funding Policy.

Table 13 Declaration

Signed:	
	
Name:	
Position in group:	Head of Community Support

Signed:	
Date:	09.07.25
Name:	
Position in group:	Head of Business Development

Return to Macclesfield Town Council, Macclesfield Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

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