



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	Changing Lives Together – Buddy & Befriending Scheme
Contact name	Lesley Moore
Date grant awarded	November 2025
Amount awarded	£1000

Please describe how your grant was used:

The grant was strategically utilised to maximise its impact within the available resources.

During November and December, we focused on planning, organising, and implementing a targeted approach to deliver our Buddy & Befriending Project across Macclesfield.

As part of this work, we held a meeting and fully engaged with Social Prescribers in Macclesfield to reintroduce our service and highlight the support it offers. This engagement aimed to strengthen referral pathways and ensure that individuals within the community who may benefit from our service could be identified and supported.

We also carried out extensive local outreach to raise awareness of the service. This included visiting key community locations to distribute posters and leaflets. Locations included Macclesfield Library, several GP surgeries (Park Green, Park Lane, South Park, Waters Green Centre, High Street, and Broken Cross), local pharmacies including Cohens Chemist on Sunderland Street, Macclesfield Community Centre (Duke Street), Weston Community Centre, Macclesfield Leisure Centre, Taste for Life Café, and the local Information Centre.

In addition, we established connections with a number of community groups/cafes who agreed to display our promotional materials and work collaboratively with us by accepting referrals into their activities.

Our digital outreach complemented this activity, with our Facebook page used to share information and promote the service on a weekly basis.

How many people benefited from your project/activity or attended if it was an event?

We have successfully met and exceeded our initial target. While our goal was to support 4 people, we have received 7 referrals, all of whom are now actively participating in our Buddy & Befriending project. We will continue to accept new clients referred to the service going forward.

What was the outcome of your grant?

The grant funding has been fully utilised, and all planned activities were successfully delivered. As a result, individuals have been referred into community groups and are receiving ongoing telephone support through our Buddy & Befriending service. This support will continue for as long as it is needed, ensuring sustained benefits beyond the lifetime of the grant.

What have you learned from this project?

This project has demonstrated that there is significant unmet need within the community. Our work has only begun to address this demand, highlighting that many more individuals could benefit from the service. With additional time and funding, there is clear potential to expand our reach and provide support to a greater number of people who are experiencing social isolation and would benefit from befriending services.

Photographs

Unfortunately, we do not have any photographs for this project.

Due to the nature of our Buddy & Befriending service, the majority of our support is delivered via telephone, ensuring accessibility for individuals who may be socially isolated, housebound, or prefer remote engagement.

In addition, where individuals have been signposted or referred into external community groups, these activities take place independently and without our direct supervision. As such, we do not routinely capture images at these sessions.

Where we deliver our own group activities, we would seek appropriate consent and permissions from participants, and photographs would be taken in line with safeguarding and data protection guidelines. If we are able to secure future funding that would enable us to provide a group in Macclesfield, we would be happy to offer this service.

Please also attach evidence of the promotion you have carried out for this project (press articles/screenshots of social media posts etc).

Please see attached our poster and screen shot from our Facebook page.

Please tick this box if 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 N/A

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