



**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.**

<b>Name of organisation</b>	Macclesfield Male Voiuce Choir
<b>Contact name</b>	Bob Jenner
<b>Date grant awarded</b>	090226
<b>Amount awarded</b>	1700

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

We have advertised the Pop Up choir, and received c40 expressions of interest. Of these c30 men have attended one or more rehearsals. To date we have held 4 rehearsals. A concert venue has been agreed and contracted and detailed plans put in place for the event. In line with the terms of our grant we have “recognised” the Town Council in our “marketing” and have spent all money to date with Macclesfield businesses.

What have you learned from so far from this project?

Our principal learnings at this stage are that 1) there is a significant interest amongst men in Macclesfield and environs, to engage in singing and that interest is largely driven by a desire to get involved in a non-judgemental challenge (hence our name All Men Can Sing – despite their personal judgements) and 2) turning interest into engagement is all about timing (be that when people see the invite, oft times too late, are available on the night of the rehearsals, are available for the concert. When we run this again we will endeavour to ameliorate these constraints.

When do you expect the project to be complete?

This iteration of the Pop Up choir will perform on 18<sup>th</sup> April after which various monies will need to be collected and spent before the final donation to the Hospice which we hope will be made before the end of April. We are now in outline planning for a second iteration/performance of the choir.

**Please return this form to [helena.gowler@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk](mailto:helena.gowler@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk)**