



**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	Macclesfield Town Ladies Football Club*
Contact name	Matthew Ball MTLFC representative and U15s Coach
Date grant awarded	3 rd March 2025 Finance Committee Meeting
Amount awarded	£2000

*(As previously disclosed in our interim report (Jun 2025) – we recently successfully merged with Bollington Utd Football Club to introduce a full age-range of women/girls' team and support the future of the game for girls across Macclesfield and local area)

Please describe how your grant was used:

The grant was successfully used to purchase dual-purpose home matchday/training kit as per our original proposal, comprising 1 x shirt, shorts, socks for each player across all of our women and girls' teams for the 2025/6 playing season.

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

Each of our 125 players within our legacy MTLFC women and girls' teams from Macclesfield and the surrounding area have received their new playing kit thanks to the award of this grant. This represents the full age range from U9s to Open Age, regardless of socioeconomic background, or experience in the game. Additionally, the club has kindly funded the away playing kit from existing funds, simultaneously completing the full playing kit for our girls.

What was the outcome of your grant?

The outcome is that full integration of all age groups into our new organisation has been achieved simultaneously, and at a far faster rate than would have been possible without the help of the grant. This has meant that all teams are now using the new kit for their training and more importantly, their matchdays, in time for the 2025/6 season, rather than the old, worn out kit in the men/boys sizes. This has included incorporation of the 'Macclesfield Town Council' badge on the sleeve, and this representation is being made across many local

grassroots leagues this season (including Mid-Cheshire, Stockport and South Manchester FA affiliated girls' leagues), sending out a positive message for support of the women's game in Macclesfield, right across our region and beyond

What have you learned from this project?

The ability to carry out this project has shown us that (as the women/girls' setup), we've been able to partner with a kit supplier which fits our diversity and inclusivity needs and have learned about ensuring that kit of the right shape, size and suitability for the girls, can indeed be sourced within our budget. We're now in a stronger position to continue our active kit recycling programme in the future - this grant has been a real boost towards setting up a baseline playing kit which will help disadvantaged players in future. We're also hearing great feedback about the quality of kit, right across the club. I know from my own personal experience of coaching our U15s (photo below) that the girls are reporting feeling more confident in the new kit, with the appropriate fit and comfort it provides versus the old worn-out kit which could only be sourced in boys/men sizes and shape. This is an aspect which can't be underestimated and is perhaps the biggest success of the kit replacement project.

Please insert at least one photograph of your project/event here:

Our U15s girls team, 'BUFC U15s Silks', in their new playing kit



MTC badge printed on the sleeve of the new playing kit



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

We have promoted the successful kit introduction and the support of the town council, as part of both our Facebook and Instagram social media feeds:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17AManHqhq/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DQhRFreCLei/?igsh=enl2b3Rwb2c0dzgw>

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