

Report Purpose:

To update members on community engagement work

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5.1 Community Engagement Update

We currently have 30 volunteers. From 1st April 2025 to 17th September 2025, our volunteers have contributed 148.5 hours to the work of the town council. At a minimum wage rate of £11.44 an hour, this equates to £1,698.84.

The Assistant Town Clerk attended the September Macclesfield Food Partnership. Angel at my Table are organising a 'Feed the 500' community meal to be held at the October Treacle Market, supported by the other food groups in the town. An accurate up to date list of food groups, days and times is also being finalised.

The Assistant Town Clerk attended the Macclesfield Care Community Core Group meeting for the first time. This is a chance for local partners to get together and discuss issues affecting the health and wellbeing of residents. Representatives include people from primary care, secondary care, social care and the voluntary sector. We discussed the issue of transport for residents who struggle to access initiatives such as the 'Know your numbers' week and how the free bus days could be maximised for ideas such as this.

The Assistant Town Clerk attended the Macclesfield Partnership meeting alongside Councillors. Priorities for the group include social isolation, digital exclusion, befriending and mental health. Partners discuss which initiatives are currently working towards combating these issues. Partners also agreed that attendance to community led groups such as the Green in the Corner and the Salvation Army are increasing.

5.2 CVS Update

Report attached.

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