

Report Purpose:

To update members on community engagement work

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5.1 Community Engagement Update

We currently have 28 volunteers. We are going through a period of volunteer recruitment. We have had quite a few initial enquiries following on from the social media posts promoting volunteering as a new years resolution. People who enquired are either considering the opportunity or are in the recruitment process with us. From 1st April 2025 to early January 2026 our volunteers have contributed 318 hours to the work of the town council. At a minimum wage rate of £12.21 an hour, this equates to £3,882.78.

The Town Council will be represented at the upcoming Volunteering Fair at the town hall on the 19th February organised by the Department of Work and Pensions.

The Assistant Town Clerk attended the Macclesfield Partnership meeting in January. Priorities of social isolation, cost of living issues and mental health were discussed as well as how partners contribute towards improving these issues. For example, The Salvation Army have begun holding a community meal on the third Sunday of each month. 70 people attended the first one.

The Care Community Core Group have invited councillors to attend their monthly meetings.

5.2 CVS Update

Report attached.