

Interim Report to Macclesfield Town Council December 2025 - January 2026

Supporting MTC to develop a VCFSE network for Macclesfield by way of:

- Supporting Macclesfield groups with their development and income generation and income diversification
- Creating a bank of Volunteers to work with the Town Council and associated groups in the community
- Supporting the Town Council Grants programmes to organisations that deliver services in Macclesfield and provide assistance to those organisations
- Assisting VCF organisations to become more environmentally sustainable

As part of this agreement, CVS Cheshire East will produce summary reports for the Finance Committee on progress made as well as a year-end report. This summary outlines the work carried out between December and January 2026

Support provided to groups working within Macclesfield:

The One Project

CVE met up with the One project to discuss its conversion from a Community Interest company to a CIC, which will help the organisation in financial terms. The Project is doing very well and now needs to look at its organisational strategy which CVS will support them to do in the next couple of months.

The Hope Centre

With its new manager, the Centre has set up a number of activity groups over the past year and is at the point now where it needs to review its mission. CVS spent an afternoon with staff, trustees and volunteers looking at the organisation's strategy and working with them to review their current position and look at the direction they want to take. They are now drawing up a draft document for CVS review.

Save Danes Moss

CVS has been providing information on volunteering, policies eg social media, risk management and training for volunteers and walk leaders.

Potential Brewed

CVS met with Chun-Kit to discuss hiring a venue for his NEET IT training sessions and potential collaboration with DIB in terms of IT learning.

Bee You Support Hive

CVS met with Laura Mackie to discuss a new venue for her activity group and also possible funders for her organisation. A list of potentials was sent to her along with contacts in



different organisations within the Macclesfield are that she can connect with. She will also be kept updated on the formation of the Adult Mental Health Alliance in Cheshire East.

Macclesfield Town Council's grant programme

January saw six applications for the Council's grant scheme – Macclesfield Male Voice Choir, Refugees Welcome, Macclesfield Cricket Club, Friends of Park Lane Special School, and Macclesfield Civil Society. CVS reviewed the Male Choir's safeguarding policy and has offered support to the other organisations, most of whom are known to us and we have worked with.

Volunteering support

CVS continues to update volunteering opportunities in the Macclesfield area on the town council's website.

Environment

CVS attended the Green Alliance meeting in January and is there to offer support when necessary.

End of report.