

Lyme Green Community Hall CIO-Registered charity number 1212589

August/September 2026 grant update

Summary-Since your Town Council meeting in July 2026 when a grant of £6000 was awarded towards the planning stage of our project we have continued to raise funds and seek support from the community in various forms, this has led to a resident of Macclesfield who is a partner in an architectural design company volunteering his services to design the hall.

Further to the survey of Macclesfield Town residents, we are very pleased with a number of residents coming forward to help the project in various ways.

At present the grant monies of £6000 are held in our current account.

In our next update scheduled for the 2nd November 2026 we hope to provide you with a design specification.

1. Planning application

- Q-What stage is the design currently at?
- Answer-The design is almost complete and is being reviewed by our project manager who is a local planning consultant to clarify if there is a need/requirement for any surveys/investigations to be undertaken before submission, which in the first instance will be to Vistry Homes who are donating the land, if they are in agreement with the design it will then be submitted to CEC planning department.
- Q-What work has the volunteer architect completed so far?
- Answer-Liaised with our trustees and volunteers regarding design concepts, the trustees/volunteers having undertaken research with contacts at other halls, spoken to potential activity users and reviewed the feedback from residents regarding potential activities.
- Q-What remains to be done before the application can be submitted?
- Answer-A meeting between the planning consultant and architect is scheduled for the 9th September, from this meeting we will progress any surveys required and if these are undertaken make any adjustments required to the draft plan before submission.
- Q-What is the expected date for submitting the planning application?

- Answer-It is impossible to provide a target date for these as unexpected delays could come from Vistry's review or delays in any survey(s) investigations. However, we do hope that this will be achieved by the end of October 2026.
- Q-Are there any planning risks or issues identified so far?
- Answer-No risks identified; however, we are trying to obtain a clearer picture regarding the public pavement, the entrance to the Hall will be from London Road and there is an existing part pavement and dropped kerb which is shown on our plans as the proposed entrance. There is a space where there is no pavement. The future users of the hall will not require a pavement for entry as pedestrians can enter from the corner of London Road and Kingfisher Drive where we propose a gated entrance. The footpath is required for residents of the new estate (Bollin Grange) to walk to the shop at the garage, without this their short journey could be dangerous. Access across the area used for car parking is also a possibility. Further discussion and liaison with interested parties is ongoing.

1. Project progress

- Q-What are the next 3–6-month milestones?
- Answer-To submit the planning application and whilst waiting for the final result to obtain tenders for the build stage, prepare draft grant applications, continue with community fundraising and expand on volunteer base.

1. Fundraising

- Q-How much additional funding has been raised since July?
- Answer-£2,014
- Q-What other funding applications are being pursued?
- Answer-No funding applications have been submitted at this time, however, we are looking into four (small grant's) sources that CVS have passed on. I.E. Clutterbuck Trust, Andor Charitable Trust, Barchester Healthcare Foundation and Lennox & Hannay Charitable Trust.
- Q-How much funding is still required?
- Answer-£3,280 for the planning stage. We are in liaison with the following organisations; Macclesfield Freemasons, Rotary Club, Round Table and Lyme Green Bowling regarding possible

donations from one off fundraising events. With a request also being made to the Cheshire Police Crime Commissioner re a donation from Proceeds of Crime seizures.

- Q-Are there any confirmed sources of future funding?
- A-No, grant and some business sources will not commit until we have planning permission. The fundraising for the build stage is a separate entity from the current planning stage.

1. **Community involvement**

- Q-How many residents/volunteers have come forward?
- A-From the recent survey, nine at this time. Eighty two asked to be updated and from this list more volunteers will come forward as and when we circulate any request for a particular task to be undertaken.
- Q-What roles are they undertaking?
- A-At present building a web site, help with social media and poster design. One volunteer will help with grant applications when we required.
- Q-How is the community feedback influencing the design?
- A-Having provided feedback as to what activities they would like to see, this can then generate design requirements, such as baby ballet; the community would like to see this activity undertaken locally, the organisers require suitable flooring a clutter free room and a place for parents to wait if the weather is inclement. To facilitate these, we have included a suitable sized lobby, a covered porch outside and are in discussion with Gradus regarding flooring types-Gradus have agreed that they will donate flooring.

One of the must have things that has come about is storage space for regular activity users' items. This will be included in the final design.

Kind regards

Kevin

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