



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	Space4Autism
Contact name	Cheryl Simpson MBE
Date grant awarded	3 rd July 2023
Amount awarded	£1740.00

Please describe how your grant was used:

We asked for the funding to go towards our Saturday Club which is a social club for autistic children aged 8-11yrs. They come to the club every other Saturday for 2hrs to give their parent/carers a break from their caring responsibilities and also for the children to meet new friends and try new activities in a space conducive to their needs.

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

64 autistic children have accessed the Saturday Club in the past 12 months, however, the reach of benefit is far wider as the parent/carers can spend the 2hrs with either their other children, go shopping or just have time to themselves to re-charge.

What was the outcome of your grant?

We have been able to provide opportunities for autistic children to try new things, learn new skills, discover hidden talents and develop friendships in a safe and fun environment without worry or prejudice. Below is an outcome ladder which shows the development of the children from when their 1st access the Saturday club to where they are now – as can be seen all the scores have had a positive affect.

	Starting Scores					End Scores				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Communication	50.00%	28.57%	14.29%	7.14%	0.00%	21.43%	28.57%	28.57%	14.29%	7.14%
Confidence and Self Esteem	57.14%	35.71%	0.00%	7.14%	0.00%	7.14%	21.43%	28.57%	28.57%	14.29%
Education, Learning and Volunteering	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	21.43%	35.71%	0.00%	7.14%	21.43%	21.43%	50.00%
Feeling Connected and Friendships	64.29%	14.29%	14.29%	7.14%	0.00%	7.14%	21.43%	35.71%	14.29%	21.43%
Physical Health	7.14%	14.29%	35.71%	21.43%	21.43%	0.00%	7.14%	21.43%	28.57%	42.86%
Problem Solving, Teamwork	50.00%	28.57%	7.14%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	35.71%	35.71%	14.29%

Feedback from children and parents -

I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU. XXX had a wonderful time this morning. He hasn't told me about any activities just that it was fun, fun, fun! I asked what makes it so good and he said 'they understand me mummy'.

You guys are absolutely amazing XXX is much calmer and loves coming to Space4Autism. I feel the charities like yourself should be absolutely recognised for what you do during in these uncertain times. Me and my partner are so proud XXX is part of such an amazing place.

Space4autism are just wonderful it is so nice to know that there is a charity there to help with needs before and after diagnosis.

Space4autism ... are amazing too. My son attends several of their clubs, we access support when necessary and always feel welcome when we just drop in for a coffee.

Just want to say how impressed we are with the Space4Autism groups our daughter has been attending on Saturday morning. She really enjoys the sessions. It is a great place where she can really be herself.

XXX counts down the days on his calendar to the next SPACE meeting. He is doing what other kids do, having fun and has made a good friend here. He can walk in and be free at SPACE, it is not like a school common room where there may be bullies, and fear. It is an unencumbered safe environment for him.

What have you learned from this project?

We have been running the Saturday club for over 6 years now and from the outcomes that are achieved we know we are doing something right, however, as the clubs are so successful there is always a huge demand, more people wanted to take part in activities than we were able to cope with. We have seen our social clubs grow over the years to try to cope – we are currently running a total of 8 different social clubs for people of all ages and we will monitor demand and shape provision accordingly wherever possible. However, due to ever decreasing funding streams we may have to reduce the clubs we offer which would have a devastating affect on not only the children who attend but also the parents/carers.

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



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

We do not promote this club on our social media as it is always fully booked with the members we have at the moment; however, it is always advertised through our whats on guide – see flyer below.

Space4Autism
15-17 Mill Lane
Macclesfield
SK11 7NN
Tel: 01625 617 884

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Saturday Club is a tailored Social Club for school aged children aged between 8-10 years who are on the Autistic Spectrum. The club runs fortnightly on a Saturday 12:30 - 2:30pm and costs £7.50 per session.

As well as being a time to socialise in a safe environment, the club incorporates a programme of activities designed to help your child to become more independent.

It also aims to provide a short period of respite for carers.

Our activities provide loads of fun whilst also teaching your children key skills, such as team work, social skills and independence.

You will need to attend a club registration appointment to register interest in your child attending our exciting clubs.

For information please email bookings@space4autism.co.uk

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Please tick this box if you consent to the photographs, you have provided being shared with the Finance Committee, on publicly available finance committee documents and on the Macclesfield Town Council website

Note: If you wanted to share on the Macclesfield Town Council website we would need to ask the parents that they are happy for this to happen, the consent we have is for our purposes and that of the monitoring.

Please return this form to helena.gowler@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk