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Macclesfield Town Council Community Newsletter



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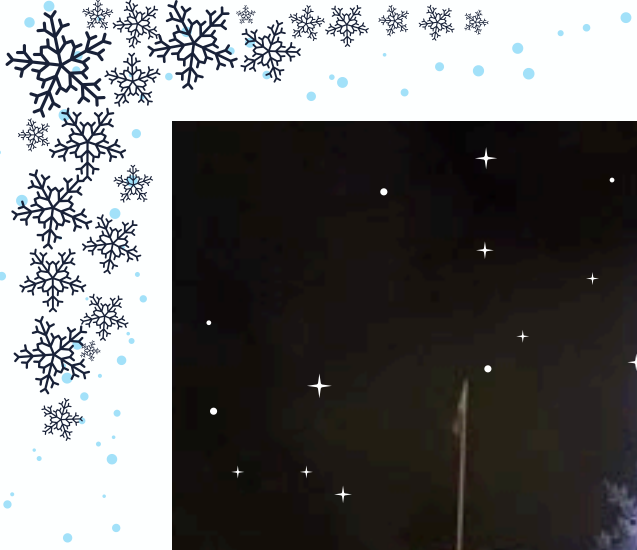
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Merry Christmas from Macclesfield Town Council



Mayor of Macclesfield

CLr Sandy Livingstone



My Mayoral theme is Building Our Future Together. I have met so many groups and people who support and serve our community, and local independent businesses including our hospitality, arts and culture that are our future, we must value and nurture them. I am delighted to be able to attend so many events, from rewarding our children who undertook the Summer Reading Challenge, having breakfast with our armed forces veterans, visiting our Fire Station Open Day, attending the MADS theatre, visited MaccPow and learning to draw a comic, to leading the 1261 parade, the honour of commemorating the 80th anniversary of D Day, to reading stories to our children at the Nature Needs you event in West Park. The list is long and I apologise if I have missed you out, please keep the requests for a Mayoral visit coming.

I am proud to raise money for two local charities Space 4 Autism, and Macclesfield Community Art Space. So far I have tackled the world's fastest zipline in Wales, wearing my trademark red trainers, conquered my fear of heights, and raised £3000. I have more plans a foot, Bingo at the end of October in the Pack Horse Bowling Club, Christmas Cards kindly provided by Adam Francis who is also a leading light in Made in Macc, a Burns Night ceilidh on the 26th January in the Town Hall, a re-arranged Battle of the Bands in Cinemac, and a few other plans that I am working on. The most challenging part so far has been modelling as part of the Totally Local fashion show in the Silk Museum an event I hope becomes an annual fixture in our town. I am looking forward to the rest of my time as your Scottish Mayor, and bringing forward the new pavilion in South Park. It has been a humbling experience being your Mayor, thank you.

Sandy



Mayor's Events

Each year the Mayor of Macclesfield chooses two charities to support, through spreading the word about the good work that they do, but also by holding various fundraising events where the proceeds then go to the charities.

The Mayor's charities this year are

Space for Autism



Macclesfield Community ArtSpace



The Mayor has already raised £3k for the charities by completing the world's fastest zipline at Penrhyn Quarry in Wales. Considering Cllr Livingstone has a life long fear of heights, this was a challenge he was not looking forward to. **Well Done** we say!

With a Bingo Night taking place in October, Christmas wreath making in November, and a Ceilidh in the new year, there are many more chances to support the Mayor and his charities.



AMAZING



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

in Macclesfield

FREE EVENTS



SCAN ME

At Macclesfield Town Council we're putting on FREE family events all year round! To see what's coming up next from MTC scan the QR code to go to our website.

Alternatively visit us on Facebook @macctowncouncil or on Instagram and X @macclesfieldTC.

FREE EVENTS



Step into Christmas in Macclesfield! We've got lots of festive treats for you in town this season - from music and magic to carols and Christmas trees, there's loads to get you in the Christmas spirit this year.

FREE EVENTS

Step into
CHRISTMAS
in Macclesfield Town Centre

Saturday
30th November
11am - 5pm

Advent Window
Trail

From 1st December

MACCLESFIELD
CHRISTMAS
TREE FESTIVAL
At Christ Church
From 1st December

Twilight
Market
In Market Place

Thursday
12th December
2pm - 8pm





WINTER EVENTS

in Macclesfield

January and February are two of the coldest and darkest months of the year, so at the Town Council we aim to bring you some light and fun.

Northern Light on Saturday 18th January will bring some warmth and brightness to Market Place after the Christmas lights come down.



Lunar New Year celebrations will be back at Park Green on 1st February - it's the year of the snake!



Check out the What's On page of the Town Council website
www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/whats-on/



What is coming up in 2025?

We haven't just been planning Winter events, we have also been plotting for the sunnier months too!



As well as Town Council events, we are also supporting a number of other events that you can look forward to in 2025;



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Macclesfield Town Centre

..... *What are the council doing about it?*

Cllr Fiona Wilson, Town Centre Champion for the Town Council provides some background on how Macclesfield Town Council can and does help the town.

There is no doubt that Macclesfield Town Centre is changing and the Town Council continues to do all that we can to support local businesses and encourage residents to visit our lovely town centre.



People often comment on the changing nature of the businesses in the Town Centre. Some think there are too many coffee shops and ask why we aren't doing more to try and get big chains or clothes shops to come to the town, or why we don't reduce rents or rates.

The Town Council doesn't own any buildings in the town centre and the owners of new shops and cafes don't need the permission of the Council (or Cheshire East Council) to open in Macclesfield. Neither are the Council's responsible for setting rents, which are the responsibility of private landlords, nor do we set the Business Rates, which are the responsibility of the Government. The vast majority of income from business rates also goes directly to Government and not to Cheshire East or to the Town Council.



However, there is a great deal that we do to support local businesses and to encourage visitors to our town.



We organise free events, which are so important in the current economic climate. Our Do Something Summer series of events, drew many families into town and we have great plans for the rest of the year including Halloween, Remembrance and Christmas including festive lights and various fun events in the town centre. Last year we received great feedback from traders who were busy all day for our Step into Christmas event.

We have also provided grants to support a number of events which are bringing people to the town centre including Pride and Macc Pow comic art festival. The Town Council has also provided support for the outdoor hospitality area in the Market Place, which has been extremely well used.



Our Town Rangers are responsible for the majority of the floral arrangements in the town, they also remove graffiti and clean street signs to keep our town looking clean and tidy. Working with the community and Councillors they also prepared the town and the estates for Britain in Bloom.



We are also responsible for the festoon lighting which adds another light source to keep people safe and also makes the town look attractive in the evening.



We continue to work with Cheshire East Council, Macc Hospitality Action, Macclesfield Museums, Community Voluntary Services Cheshire East and Peaks and Plains Housing Trust on Town Centre Recovery and Regeneration.



A regular point which is raised with Councillors is the provision of toilets in the town centre and the Town Council has worked with Cheshire East Council, and has fully funded the new public toilets located at the back of the indoor market and which include a Changing Places facility.

We have also seen a significant increase in new independent businesses, shops and cafes, who do look at footfall figures in Macclesfield to see if their new business will be worthwhile. Whilst we can't financially support individual businesses, we can help them by sharing their offers on social media and link them up with local independent groups. Whilst some businesses have closed, new ones are opening and there are many fantastic independent businesses in Macclesfield Town Centre.

Cllr Fiona Wilson
Town Centre Champion



MACCLESFIELD IS GOING TOTALLY LOCALLY



Don't forget to pick up your **Totally Locally Macclesfield** loyalty card from the **Visitor Information Centre** next to the Town Hall.

Make a start on your Christmas shopping and get your card stamped to be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes!

Did You Know?

A lot of the work done by the Town Council goes unnoticed.

We have pulled together some information on the things we do - we hope you find them interesting!



Did You Know?

The Town Council produce a budget every year. Each year the budget contains an amount of money specifically for the redevelopment of the towns parks and the park equipment.

Recently the Town Council has paid for the purchase and instalment of an accessible roundabout in West Park, the new pump track at Windmill Park, and work on the 'little park' near Ash Grove.



Did You Know?

Since May 2024 the Town Council has supported 8 charities and organisations with grants totaling £10,440.

The money has gone towards; scout projects, outdoor equipment at Macclesfield College, events in West Park, football kits for a new community team, an accessible boat trip for service users/carers and more.



Did You Know?

The Town Council funded places for 49 vulnerable children (up from 28 in 2023) to attend 1715 hours of summer holiday camps provided by **Macclesfield FC Community Sports Trust** and **Sylk Dance**.



Wow!



Did You Know?

The Town Council ran 24hrs of FREE workshops over the summer holidays covering everything from chalk art to comics and circus skills.

This ensured that all children in Macclesfield had the opportunity to do something they could tell their new teachers about in September.



Did You Know?

The Town Council are not responsible for waste collections, council tax, pot holes or car parks.

For all these things, you will need to contact **Cheshire East Council** who are the authority for the borough.

Their number is 0300 123 5500



You said ... We did!

We take all feedback very seriously at Macclesfield Town Council, and if we can improve or change the way we do something, then we will!

You said

Can you not replace some of the plastic items you use? We see lots of used cable ties lying around town

The Town Council now use reusable cable ties for our posters and banners, and they will also be used by the volunteers putting up the Remembrance poppies

We did



You said

Can the Town Council not provide some sanitary products for people who need them?

In September, the Town Council set up a scheme whereby people using the new public toilets in the Indoor Market, can access free sanitary products

We did



You said

Why not offer alternatives to free parking, to encourage people to leave their cars at home?

The Town Council has partnered with D&G Buses to provide free bus transport in Macclesfield on the days that the Town Council runs it's free events. Between March and August, that equated to almost 10k journeys

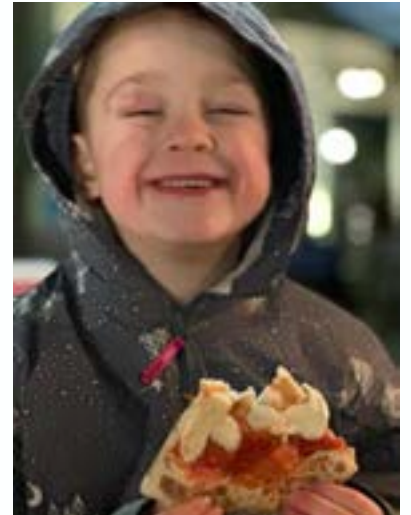
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CALLING ALL LOCAL FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDERS!

At many of our events we have food & drink stalls.



#SupportLocalMacc



Our aim is for these to be from Macclesfield wherever possible.

If you own a food business, café, restaurant or bar in Macclesfield that has the ability and equipment to do outside catering, please get in touch. We would LOVE to have you at our events.

Email events@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk



Macclesfield Town Rangers

The rangers are one of the most loved services that the Town Council provides. The Rangers, in their fluorescent yellow jackets, are well known throughout town and receive great feedback from residents far and wide.

Whilst they are responsible for much of the planting and many of the blooms and floral arrangements you see around town during the spring and summer, they don't stop once the weather turns cold and wet.

What we do over the winter

- clear leaves on all access routes behind the Town Hall down to Sunderland Street
- painting of road signs and cleaning of street signs
- maintenance of flower beds at Park Green
- replenishment of dog waste bags
- any of the alleyways and ginnels that have been cleared throughout the summer, we then maintain and keep them clear throughout the winter
- plant out planters and hanging baskets with winter bedding plants
- watering of winter bedding plants if needed



James, Damon, Shaun

Macclesfield Town Council Rangers





Is your community group, charity or club looking for funding?

The Town Council's popular grants programme continues to support a wide range of Macclesfield's worthy community groups.

The Town Council has different tiers of grants:

- Micro Grants of up to £100 for small start up ideas or for one off projects that fit with the Macclesfield Town Council themes
- Small Grants up to £250
- Large Grants up to £2000
- And exceptional circumstance grants over £2000

Examples of recent grant awards -

- **Friends for Leisure** were awarded £2,000 towards a drama project for young people with disabilities
- **Weston Friends** were awarded £200 towards the provision of groups and breakfast clubs on the Weston estate
- **Roe-Naissance** were awarded £1,950 to buy plants for the gardens within the grounds of Christchurch

Micro grant applications can be considered at any time. Small and large grant applications are considered at the Finance Committee meetings.

Deadline 9am on Mon 3rd Feb – Decision meeting held Mon 3rd Mar 2025

Deadline 9am on Fri 11th Apr – Decision meeting held on Mon 12th May 2025

Visit www.macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/your-council/community-grants for more information



Park Fit People!

The Town Council originally partnered with Matt Rigby, a local personal trainer and run club organiser, back in June 2019 and commissioned him to run free Park Fit sessions in South Park.



These sessions are still running almost four years on, during the winter months the sessions run in All Hallows Sports Hall, with the 45 minutes sessions running from 6-6:45pm.

Bring a drink, and if you have a yoga mat or towel for any floor work bring that along too. Sessions usually just use bodyweight, but sometimes Matt will bring equipment. The sessions are open to anyone of any ability. It's just about having fun and getting moving.

If you want any more information or want to discuss an injury with Matt that you think might impact you joining in, then you can call/message him on 07769 211684.

Make sure you follow Macclesfield Town Council and Matthew Rigby PT on Facebook to be kept up to date.



What We Do

We get a lot of phone calls at Macclesfield Town Council about parking issues, bin collections and council tax. Whilst we will always help by giving you the right phone number, why not cut out and keep this handy guide explaining what the Town Council does vs what Cheshire East Council does.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

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These lists are not exhaustive, but hopefully helpful
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2024/5 Council Meetings

Council Meetings

Council and Committee meetings are open to the public. If you would like to attend a meeting please email the Town Clerk, Laura Smith on laura.smith@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk. The full list of Council meetings is available on the MTC website, but listed below are the upcoming meetings for the next few months

Finance Committee

11th November 2024
3rd March 2024
12th May 2024

Services Committee

2nd December 2024
27th January 2025
7th April 2025

Full Council

16th December 2024
10th March 2025
19th May 2025 - Mayor Making

Planning Committee

6th November 2024
11th December 2024
15th January 2024
12th February 2025
12th March 2025
9th April 2025
7th May 2025



Videos of all meetings are available the day after the meeting on our You Tube channel; just search Macclesfield Town Council





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Cllr Sandy Livingstone - sandy.livingstone@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

East Ward

Cllr Mick Warren - mick.warren@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Hurdsfield Ward

Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake - sarah.bennett@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

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Cllr Sam Hale - sam.hale@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Tytherington Ward

Cllr David Edwardes - david.edwardes@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Cllr Emma Gilman - emma.gilman@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

West and Ivy Ward

Cllr Alift Harewood MBE - alift.harewood@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

Cllr Mike Hutchison - mike.hutchison@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk