

#OneCommunity



MACCLESFIELD FC COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



About MFC CST

Since 1997 we have been supporting our local community with a range of different support activities and sessions across Macclesfield & Cheshire East.

From our beginnings as Macclesfield Town FC Football in the Community with our thriving & successful football package including the successful BTEC academy and schools' sessions, to surviving the football club's liquidation and subsequent re-emergence as Macclesfield FC – its been quite a journey.

The last 4 years have been a challenge without most of the football charities funding support, but one we have come through with flying colours and now have an award-winning Community Trust that supports more participants and groups across our borders than ever before.

Our 2025 Impact Report shows our growth, sustainability and plans for the future of the charity.



MFC CST AIM & OBJECTIVES

- * To maintain Macclesfield FC Community Sports Trust at the heart of our community by providing health and educational opportunities to all of Cheshire East in accordance with its needs and wants.**
- * To build links between the Football Club and our community and to offer innovative and exciting programmes using sport & physical activity as a tool to motivate and inspire individuals and local communities to improve health and wellbeing.**
- * To work with individuals and partner organisations to establish strong links to deliver programmes and projects that inspire to improve achievement and employability.**
- * Promote social responsibility and provide support to those who need help to create a respect for their community and to be encouraged to make positive contributions.**



Sports Participation:

Promote the benefits of sports and activity from a physical , mental and social viewpoint for all participants of all ages , abilities and disabilities from school children to all adults through a comprehensive programmes and key initiatives.

Education:

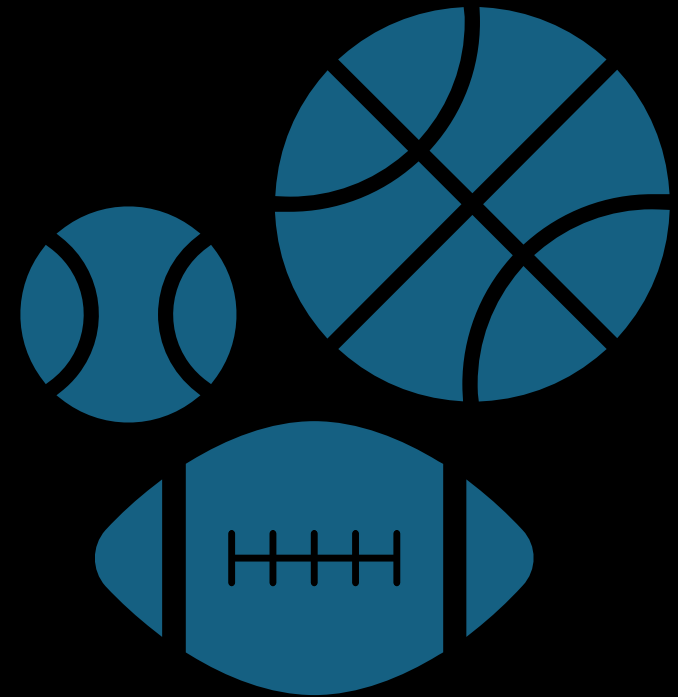
Offer a range of educational packages for students from the age of 2 onwards, in partnership with full time education providers. We will promote our numeracy, literacy & health/wellbeing initiatives to schools and groups using the power of the football club brand to enthuse and motivate all members of our community.

Health & Wellbeing:

Offer a range of healthy, engaging activity programmes addressing lifestyle choices and promoting the benefits of regular exercise and healthy diets to all age groups and families. With the objective of improving long term physical and mental health.

Social Cohesion & Inclusion:

Offer a range of projects targeting disadvantaged groups at risk or in need of support. Our projects will reflect and promote integration amongst the diverse ethnicity groups within our community as well as engaging with those community members suffering with mental & physical health issues , homelessness and a range of disabilities.





CST MISSION STATEMENT

*To be the focal point of our Cheshire East community.
By creating positive opportunities &
a diverse support package to make a continual
positive impact in our community.*

- BE PROFESSIONAL
- BE PASSIONATE
- BE INSPIRATIONAL

What a great year 2025 has been for the CST and football club, albeit tinged with sadness due to the devastating loss of 2 of our players at the end of the year.

The loss of Ethan Mcleod in devastating circumstances in December really hit the club hard and will take a long time to fully be processed. This was then followed by the loss of Winnie Mayele who played for our women's team, after a battle with illness. RIP both.

A year of change for the CST, new staff, new opportunities, growth and a return to the National League for the first time - with a bit of FA Cup Fun sprinkled over the top.

The opportunities of working with the National League Trust have been something that we as a charity, and myself as the Head of the trust have been waiting for and we are already reaping the benefits of the lads winning promotion last season from the Northern Premier League.

With promotion we have seen more opportunities and challenges come our way already, however the CST team have stepped up and taken the initiative to make us stronger.

Although we have new opportunities incoming, the delivery programme that we have created over the last 4 years is still imbedded into the weekly programme.

I am so proud of the team and what we have achieved in such challenging times, not just for our local community here in Macclesfield & Cheshire East but for the entire country with many cuts to funding and the rise in our weekly household bills.

We are going from strength to strength with our delivery programme, which has again surpassed expectations with the numbers of participants that we have been able to connect with and support this year, which is testament to the programme we have put together.

As I have said previously the football only activities, I inherited in 2021 was a sound starting point, but we have now added over 300% more activities with a comprehensive programme of community support.

The community menu is something that is continually being adapted and I am extremely proud of, and with the links with the National League Trust and potential additional support from the Premier League Foundation & EFL In The Community, again we will be looking to grow even further.

The team are just the best, the commitment to succeed and making sure that every session and programme we run is to the highest of standards means that our success is down to them. They are extremely hardworking for such a small team of now 7 and deserve all the congratulations and recognition that we have been receiving over the last 4 years, with this year being even more special as we were nominated for a Northwest Football Award. The biggest so far and in the same category as Premier League & EFL community trusts. A testament to all the hard work of the lads and volunteers we have.

We would not be able to do the amazing things we do without the support and dedication of others. So, a big thanks must go to our Board of trustees (who continually support myself and the team with everything we do) our partners at AstraZeneca, Cheshire East, Macclesfield, Poynton and Wilmslow Councils, all our partner schools and care facilities across our area.

And of course, a big thanks to our Football Club Family, who continually support me to achieve the very best for our fans and Community.

Thank you everyone – here's to another positive year in 2026.

Lee Folkard

Head Of Macclesfield FC Community Sports Trust





OUR TEAM

It's been a year of change for the team, with our two Head Coaches Jack & Joe leaving for pastures new and a new structure for the team to start in 2026.

We would like to say a massive thanks to the team for all of their hard work & commitment to make us the best Community Team possible.

Thank you to Sam, Alex, Matty and welcome to Rory, Henry & Jamie

OUR DELIVERY

The Community Sports Trust has a diverse Menu of activities and support that we deliver to our local community every day of the week - starting from the age of 2 to 102.

- * WRAP AROUND CARE - BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS IN VARIOUS SPORTS & ACTIVITIES
- * STREETSPORTS - FREE SPORTS ACROSS CHESHIRE EAST FOR 8 TO 14 YEAR OLDS
- * BLUE ZONE EDUCATIONAL PACKAGES
Including READING STARS, DREAM TEAM MATHS, FOOTBALL CLUB REPORTING. HEALTHY HEARTS, MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & ACTIVE SCIENCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASTRAZENECA
- * SCHOOL PE SESSIONS & LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES
- * SECONDARY SCHOOL MENTORING
- * AWARD WINNING MULTISPORTS HALF TERM ACTIVITIES
- * FOODBANK ON MATCHDAYS
- * YOUTH CENTRE ENGAGEMENT
- * SECONDARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHING INC MATCHDAYS / COMPETITION
- * BESPOKE PACKAGES FOR SCOUTS/GUIDES
- * CARE HOME & SUPPORTED HOUSING SESSIONS
- * PRE SCHOOL & NURSERY SESSIONS
- * MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE
- * DISABILITY SESSIONS - SEN SCHOOL SESSIONS & PAN DISABILITY FOOTBALL
- * BEHAVIOURAL SUPPORT
- * PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY CUP
- * WOMEN & GIRLS SPECIFIC SESSIONS
- * VETERANS & WALKING FOOTBALL SESSIONS / TEAMS
- * HOSPITAL VISITS AT CHRISTMAS
- * MFC (MACC FIT CLUB) – WEIGHT LOSS, FITNESS, MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS & FOOTBALL FOR MEN
- * BIRTHDAY PARTIES





OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT 2025

Our community delivery in 2025 across Macclesfield, Cheshire East and South Manchester has seen even further extended engagement with a diverse range of participants from age 2 to 102



800

EDUCATION SUPPORT

800 Students engaged within our Educational and mentoring packages

2,350

PE & SPORT PACKAGES

2,350 Primary & Secondary school Students engaged with in school sessions

1,750

HALF TERM

Over 1,750 children booked on our camps this year at an average of 36 in attendance per day

24

CARE HOME & SUPPORTED HOUSING

24 sessions delivered per month engaging with an average of 20 residents per session

200

DISABILITY SESSIONS

200 sessions delivered to participants in 2025

420

HEALTH & FITNESS

420 hours dedicated to Health & Fitness Programmes

35

WALKING FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Signed up and playing for MFCCST in the Cheshire FA League

2,700

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Over 2,700 young people engaged with in our FREE sport sessions

CST EDUCATION

2025 has been another fantastic year regarding our educational delivery in Primary & Secondary Schools with over 800 students engaged within our delivery across Macclesfield & Cheshire East.

The phenomenal success of our 3 main programmes has again surpassed expectations.

This means that we have engaged with over 2200 students over the last 4 years of delivery

FEEDBACK

'The Community Trust educational sessions have been an amazing part of our curriculum this year.'

The community team have not only been teaching our students some new skills but have also created a great bond with them'

Mrs Gosling Daven Primary School

'Its so much fun learning different parts of science and that its not just about test tubes. The Active Science term we had was amazing and I really enjoyed learning new things and participating in the Mini Olympics at the end'

Teddy Year 6 St Albans Catholic Primary School



P.E DELIVERY 2025

2025 has been another year of growth for our PE sessions within our partner schools, offering support in a range of different ways.

Our FIT FOR 15 programme (where all students from all classes get physically active at lunchtime for 15 minutes) has now extended to even more schools.

The above and also our PE support package for our local schools is more than just in school time football.

Our CST Team are qualified in a range of different sports, which allows us to help in many more ways than before.

This year we have had major success in delivering Lacrosse, Hockey, Basketball & Multisport sessions across our Partner schools – these new packages has opened many new opportunities for the CST



After School Sessions

Our After School provision has extended rapidly over the last 4 Years.

AND IN 2025 WE NOW DELIVER AT LEAST 2 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS PER DAY IN TERM TIME IN A RANGE OF DIFFERENT SPORTS.

As our tag line suggests, it's not just football that we do – with Multisports, Lacrosse, Rugby and of course a bit of football

We are particularly proud of our Girls ONLY sessions over the last year, which have been extremely popular.

This has been one of the many positives for the CST programme over the last 4 years which has helped with our company sustainability, with the money generated into the business more than doubling over the last school year.

Be this via parents or schools paying for the sessions.

All after school clubs and are open for all age groups from Key stage 1 upwards and are on average 1 hour in duration.

We are averaging approximately 25 children per after school session.



PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY CUP & NATIONAL LEAGUE REGIONALS

In early 2022 in partnership with the Cheshire School Sports Partnership, the MFCCST Community Cup was born.

With no continual primary school provision around the area, especially for girls, we created a 5 week termly competition for years 2 to 6.

Our local schools have embraced our idea, with between 10 to 15 teams (maximum over 200 students) per week coming to the Leasing.com Stadium to compete to be Community Champions.

With promotion back to the National League, In Winter term we have just completed our NL qualifier for the Year 6 boys & Girls Group with the winners representing us in the Regional in Early 2026



PRE-SCHOOL & NURSERIES

We have a range of different multi sports options that we can deliver within nurseries & pre-school environment.

We currently deliver in a range of Preschool/Nursery sites across Cheshire East with

all these sessions being bespoke to the needs of each location

They are mainly based around handling, movement, identification, personal & physical development and of course having fun with a range of equipment.

Again, for this year we have extended these sessions and now have 6 external nurseries & pre-schools we deliver in both in term and out of term time.



STREETSPORTS

What an amazing year for our Streetsports sessions (which includes our Streetbluez Football project)

Our STREETBLUEZ & STREETSPORTS youth engagement programme was previously funded via the Premier League (Previously known as Premier league Kicks).

Not only have we created a partnership with Macclesfield Town Council to support the funding for STREETSPORTS in which we deliver a daily FREE multisport session in various Parks across Macclesfield but due to the amazing success we also now have partnerships with Wilmslow Town Council and also Poynton Council to deliver a similar project

This has seen the number of participants more than double this year

OVER THE DURATION OF STREET SPORTS, SINCE APRIL 2024, WE HAVE ENGAGED WITH OVER 2000 PARTICIPANTS WITH STREETBLUEZ ALONE ATTRACTING AN AVERAGE OF 50 YOUNG PEOPLE PER SESSION.







Care home & Supported Housing Support

Our support packages for local Care Homes and Supported Housing networks across Cheshire East now takes up over 35% of our weekly delivery schedule.

We are now active in 24 local Care Facilities and Supported housing networks within Cheshire East on a weekly basis.

These sessions are fun and active which help to trigger stimulus within the participants as well as conversation with others.

In linking in with these facilities and using the Sporting memories Network and Dementia Friends training we create different activities that are tailor made for each group of participants.

We have also been working with Cheshire East Council and Macclesfield Town Council on these programmes over the last 12 months.





WALKING FOOTBALL

It's now been 4 years since our Walking Football sessions began – firstly on a Friday Afternoon at Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Now a Monday Evening session at Lifestyle Fitness. Cheshire FA begin Walking Football

The aim – To generate a squad of participants 50+ who still wanted to play football at a slower pace. keep fit and healthy – as well as being more social.

The sessions have been a tremendous success and by March 2022 the group were playing in their first ever affiliated competition.

As the weekly sessions go from strength to strength and numbers extend, this has seen the team play in a number of friendlies and other local competitions

The group are currently playing within the CHESHIRE FA Walking Football League monthly and were also successful this year in winning the Stockport County Walking Football Tournament .



Half Term Multisports

WOW, what an amazing year we have had regarding our award-winning Half Term Camps.

Our camps have been stationed all over Macclesfield & Cheshire East – from Macclesfield to Holmes Chapel and also Wilmslow.

We have extended the hours of the camps over a key time for parents regarding support during the times that they need us most – when there is no school

We have averaged over the last 12 months 36 + children per day on camp – which is a phenomenal achievement

Again, this has provided much needed sustainable income for the trust

We plan to go bigger, better and have more fun and games in 2026 ☺

DISABILITY SESSIONS

In 2025 we have partnered with Macclesfield Town Council for a range of our external Disability Sessions

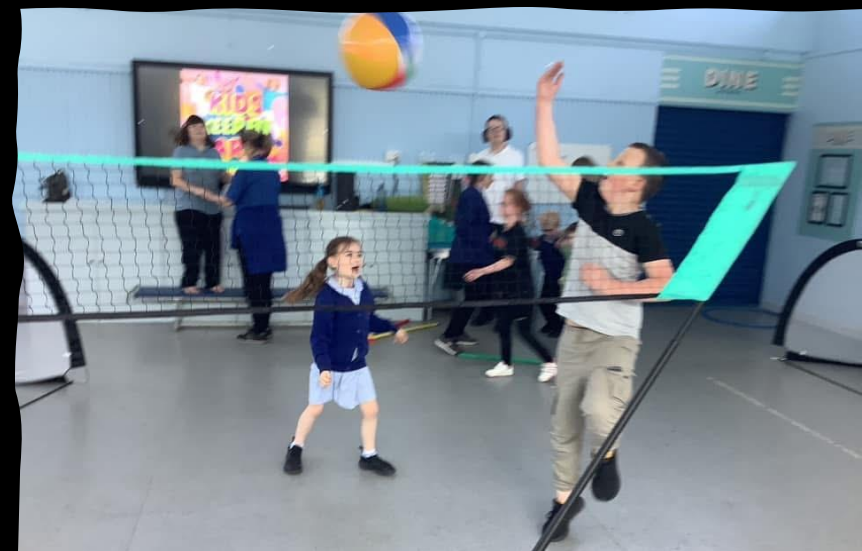
The community trust have been running pan disability sessions now for over 3 years this includes sessions in local SEN Schools.

We are currently running weekly sessions for a range of age groups and engage our disability community into football and a range of other sports.

We have also extended our disability provision in local SEN schools such as Park Lane, in which we do 2 weekly physical engagement sessions.

We have also been running sessions across the year for The Rossendale Trust, Space4autism and Friends for Leisure.

For 2026, the CST Team are currently undertaking a Sign Language course and will be engaging with local Deaf participants in a range of activities from summer 2026



MFC MACC FIT CLUB MEN'S HEALTH SESSIONS

At the start of 2022, we linked up with national charity Man v Fat to start the first weight loss & social football session for men in Macclesfield – since that point we have engaged and supported over 100 male participants.

In the Summer of 2025, the trust decided to move away from the partnership and create a MACK package that would benefit the participants even more in the future based on their feedback, wants & needs.

MFC is just that. A 2-hour weekly session, that not only incorporates a fun but competitive football session but also includes additional activities in our onsite gym including Pilates and circuit training.

We have been lucky since our promotion to the National league to be successful in our first application for funding – in which we secured £20k for the project to develop an APP for the continual monitoring of the group which will launch in 2026





Matchday Experience

OUR MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE PACKAGE HAS EXTENDED EVEN FURTHER OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS TO INCORPORATE MORE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNGER FANS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ON THE PITCH, AS WELL AS BEING OUR OFFICIAL ENTERPRISE NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH BALL CREW FOR ALL HOME GAMES.



WE HAVE PROMOTED THE OFFER WITH LOCAL GRASSROOTS CLUBS, TEAMS, SCHOOLS AND ALSO A BIRTHDAY PACKAGE FOR LUCKY FANS WHICH HAS CREATED AN AMAZING MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE FOR A NEW AND EXISTING YOUNG MACCLESFIELD FC FANBASE TO ENJOY.

THE EXPERIENCE HAS YET AGAIN SOLD OUT FOR THE CURRENT 2025/6 SEASON WITH AN AVERAGE OF 20 CHILDREN ACCESSING THE OPPORTUNITY AT EACH HOME GAME



SO, WHAT'S IN THE PACKAGE?

NOT ONLY DO THE YOUNG FANS GET TO PLAY FUN FOOTBALL GAMES ON THE PITCH PRE - GAME WITH OUR CST TEAM, BUT THEY ALSO MEET OUR AMAZING FIRST TEAM, WALKING OUT WITH THE 2 TEAMS WITH OUR MACCLESFIELD FC FLAGS, BE PITCH SIDE AS OUR BALL CREW FOR THE WHOLE GAME AND ALSO TAKE PART IN THE HALF TIME PENALTY SHOOTOUT IN FRONT OF OVER 3000 FANS A WEEK



YOUTH SUPPORT

THE COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST HAVE BEEN ENGAGING WITH VARIOUS YOUTH CENTRE'S THIS YEAR.

OUR WEEKLY SESSIONS HAVE INCLUDED A RANGE OF MULTI FUN GAMES AND SPORTS WITH OVER 30 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION BOTH BOYS & GIRLS.

THESE SESSIONS ARE NOW ACROSS 4 DIFFERENT LOCAL CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILS IN THE FOLLOWING :

- **HANDFORTH**
- **POYNTON**
- **MACCLESFIELD**
- **WILMSLOW**





Awards & Recognition

OVER THE LAST 4 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AND BEEN RECOGNISED FOR OUR GREAT WORK ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

THE TRUST HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR CHARITY OF THE YEAR AT THE CHESHIRE EAST CHAMBERS AWARDS AND THE COMMUNITY RE-AWARDS FOR THE WHOLE OF CHESHIRE & THIS YEAR WE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE NORTHWEST FOOTBALL AWARD FOR FOOTBALL CHARITY OF THE SEASON (NON-PREMIER LEAGUE) WITH SOME PRESTIGIOUS HIGHER LEAGUE CLUBS.

A GREAT HONOR.

AND AT THE END OF 2025 WE ALSO WON THE NORTHERN ENTERPRISE AWARD FOR LOCAL CHARITY EXCELLENCE

ADD ALL OF THE ABOVE TO OUR PRIDE OF MACCLESFIELD AWARD FROM THE MAYOR OF MACCLESFIELD IN 2024.

ALL OF THE RECOGNITION THIS AND THE PREVIOUS YEARS IS TESTAMENT TO THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF THE TEAM

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR MACCLESFIELD GENERAL CHILDREN'S WARD

**CHRISTMAS 2025 WAS THE CST'S 5TH
CONSECUTIVE COLLECTION FOR THE
CHILDREN'S WARD AT MACCLESFIELD
GENERAL HOSPITAL.**

**THIS YEAR WE HAVE RAISED OVER £400
AGAIN FOR THE PRESENTS TO GIVE OUT TO
THE CHILDREN UNFORTUNATELY ON THE
WARD OVER CHRISTMAS TIME.**

**ON THE DAY, WE WERE TO BE JOINED BY THE
1ST TEAM THIS YEAR BUT DUE TO THE
UNFORTUNATE AND TRAGIC EVENTS WITH
FIRST TEAM PLAYER ETHAN MCLEOD A FEW
DAYS BEFORE WE MADE THE DECISION TO
STILL VISIT THE WARD BRIEFLY**



Foodbank in partnership with Cre8 & silk life foodbank

WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS WE HAVE CREATED A PARTNERSHIP WITH SILK LIFE FOODBANK & CRE8 TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AT THE TOUGHEST OF TIMES.

THE MATCHDAY FOODBANK HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS WITH OUR FANTASTIC FANS, PLAYERS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AT THE CLUB AND LOCAL COMMUNITY DONATING OVER 800KG OF FOOD AND OVER £3,500 VIA CARD DONATIONS.

WE ARE CONTINUING WITH THIS GREAT INITIATIVE OVER THE COURSE OF OUR FIRST SEASON IN THE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH.



CHARITY BALL 2025



In 2025 we had our 3rd Charity Ball event – this year at the iconic Assembly Rooms within Macclesfield Town Hall.

The CST have NEVER put on such events in our history, however, have had great success over the 3 events to gain much needed sustainable finance for the trust.

Not only this, but we have celebrated our amazing volunteers this year as well as the phenomenal success of our projects.

The previous events have raised over £20,000 for the charity via ticket sales, auctions and fun games run by the team on the evening.



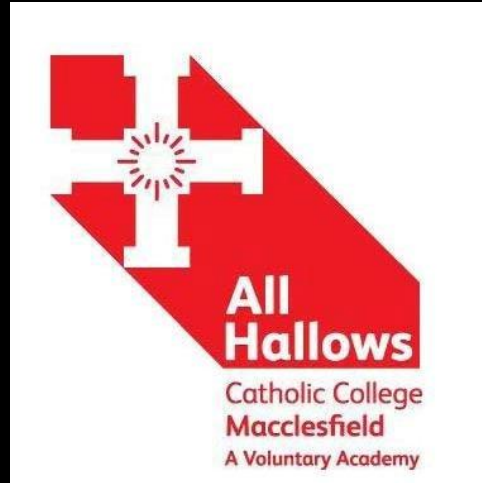
MFC CST & SAVAGE FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP



At the end of the 2024/5 season, the Community Sports Trust joined forces with The Savage Foundation.

A project that was set up in the name of our previous Manager and ex shareholder Robbie Savage when the new football club was reborn in 2020, is a free Football session at the Leasing.com Stadium every Tuesday evening (in term time) for ages 4 to 11.

This session is run by a fantastic group of volunteers, who not only run the session, but also administer the data for all of the participants (which at present signed into the Foundation is approx. 100 Boys & Girls From around the Macclesfield area)



A BIG THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO OUR MAIN SPONSORS AND PARTNERS, WHO OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAVE BEEN SIMPLY AMAZING IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR COMMUNITY DELIVERY & SUPPORT.

FROM SPONSORING ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES, TO BEING A MAIN SITE THAT WE USE FOR SOME OF OUR SESSIONS

OR

A PARTNER SCHOOL WHO SUPPORT US FINANCIALLY,

TO OUR PARTNER FOOTBALL CLUB WHO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE OUR MENU OF ACTIVITY (AND VICE VERSA) EVERY SINGLE DAY TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY THE BEST IN MACCLESFIELD & CHESHIRE EAST.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE SUCCESS OF THE COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST.

ON THE PITCH 2025

What a tremendous 2025 the football club have had.

After the play off loss against Marine the previous season in the Northern premier League, the 1st team responded amazingly in the 2024/5 season by becoming the record league winners with 109 points and 109 goals.

An amazing achievement that has seen the club promoted to the Enterprise National League North – which has had a major positive impact on not only the club but also the Community Sports Trust.

A massive congratulations to the club



2026 IDEAS & PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

With us now back fully integrated into the National League & working with the National League Trust regarding various programmes and potential new funding streams, we are planning even more big things for the new year.

The first part of the next stage of our evolution as a charity is to upskill our team. The start of this is twofold as we embark on key training for the staff that will allow us to extend our provisions in many different areas including some sign language training to allow us to start sessions for Deaf participants and also working with Cheshire East Council in early 2026 to start a new educational package for primary schools called GULP (Give Up Loving Pop) which will highlight the need to stop drinking too many fizzy drinks and its impact on health and oral hygiene.

We will also see in early 2026 the start of our sessions with Cheshire East NHS Trust as we help patients with rehabilitation in local outpatient wards by supplying sessions to get them physically active again.

We are also looking forward to the new year to start the process of applying (or reapplying in certain circumstances) for the funding support for Premier League packages Primary Stars and Kicks which will of course see our packages extended further and may see the team extend further in the future.

It's a really exciting time for the CST and club and we can not wait to do even more to support our amazing community.



**WE ARE MORE THAN
JUST FOOTBALL**

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