



# Ward Flexibility Funding Application Form

Thank you for your interest in Stockport Council's Ward Flexibility Fund. To give your group the best chance of success please read the guidance notes and the questions on the application form carefully.

Please ensure that all boxes on this form are completed. You must also include all additional information that is requested.

## 1. About Your Organisation

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### 1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Stockport Trans Pennine Trail Volunteer Ranger Group (Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail)

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### 2. Organisation/Individual Address

[Redacted Address]

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### 3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Dr

Name: Kathy England

Role: Group Coordinator

Address:

[Redacted Address]

Postcode: SK4 3HZ

Home Phone Number:

[Redacted Home Phone Number]

Mobile Phone Number:

[Redacted Mobile Phone Number]

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#### 4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

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#### 5. What is the status of your Organisation/ Group?

*Please Tick*

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A New Group                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Voluntary Organisation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A Registered Charity<br>No. 1108505 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Company Limited by Guarantee<br>No. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Applying for Charitable Status      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Unregistered Association            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Friendly Society                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other (Please specify)              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing Association                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                     |                          |

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#### 6. Please describe the main activities of your Organisation/ Group

We work to support and enhance the Trans Pennine Trail for all users – it is a national coast to coast route for recreation and transport – for walkers, cyclists and (in parts) horse riders. The Stockport section runs between East Didsbury and Reddish Vale Country Park (mostly within the Heatons South, and Brinnington & Central Wards). Activities include cutting back vegetation, mending fences, planting bulbs, signage checks, litter picking and anything else agreed with our Greenspace Officer as needing to be done. We have recently installed six new interpretation boards with funding that we received from the Tesco Bags of Help fund.

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#### 7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

Not sure, as I have only been involved for around 9 years, but the Trans Pennine Trail will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019

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#### 8. Does your organisation have the following policies and procedures in place?

*If you are awarded a grant you will be required to send copies of all relevant documents as part of the grant agreement.*

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| A governance/management committee              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Constitution/governing document/set of rules | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| An Equal Opportunities Policy                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| A Child Protection Policy (where necessary)    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| A Health and Safety Public liability           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

## 2. About Your Application

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### 9. Please give us a brief description of your proposed/planned project or activity

*You may wish to include details of what activities will take place, where will it happen, how often and who will take part. If you are applying for equipment you can tell us what will it be used for and why is it needed.*

We would like to buy a STIHL BGA 85 cordless leaf blower for our volunteer group to use to maintain the traffic-free sections of the Trans Pennine Trail within Stockport (and also other linking routes which are part of the National Cycle Network). This would make it much more efficient for us to keep the trail clear of fallen leaves particularly during the Autumn, but would also be useful all year round. Stockport MBC currently does no leaf clearing along the trail and so they just accumulate and rot down, allowing mud to build up along the sides of the trail and resulting in accelerated degradation of the non-bound TopTrek surfacing and also the Bitmac surfaces. Long term, this will either result in the trail becoming less accessible or requiring more funds to be found to maintain and repair it.

A single leaf blower would mean we could keep the whole of the trail within Stockport clean and clear for all users, something we cannot realistically do by hand. This will help to reduce long-term degradation of the surfaces. Members of our group have done the required Task Leader and Power Tool training sessions run by Stockport Council and we have public liability insurance.

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### 10. Who will benefit from this grant?

*e.g. local residents, young people, older people and how?*

Anyone in Stockport who uses the Trans Pennine Trail – we get up to 1000 users a day (walkers, cyclists, horse riders, users in motorised wheelchairs) along the section in Heaton Mersey (according to the TfGM counter located near Vale Rd). Many of these will be local residents who live close to the trail, but a lot of people also use it as a commuter route (walking and cycling). Much of the trail is also a bridleway, and there are a couple of stables located close to the trail. The health benefits of having a traffic-free trail which is useable all year round cannot be underestimated – it is a huge asset for the local community.

#### 10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

Potentially everyone who lives in Stockport, since all of the trail is publically accessible 24/7. There is also a traffic-free link to Cheadle and one of the Beelines projects will provide a link through the Brinnington Tunnel to join up with the Alan Newton Way through to Marple.

#### 10(b) Are there any restrictions on who will benefit from the funding?

No, as long as they are non-motorised users of the trail.

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### 11. Your Project's Budget

*Please provide a breakdown of cost for your project including VAT where applicable and submit any estimates for the purchase of equipment or work to be done.*

**11(a) How much will the project/activity cost in total?**

£446.16 inc VAT, for a STIHL BGA 85 cordless leaf blower

Our Stockport MBC Greenspace Officer, Wayne Bardsley, has indicated he can procure the leaf blower on our behalf, presumably at a lower price than we would be able to get ourselves. I do not have a formal quotation, but Wayne can confirm the price.

**11(b) Tell us about other any other sources of income you have already applied for or raised so far in relation to this project**

We have not currently applied for funding from elsewhere towards a leaf blower.

However, as a group we have received £10,000 of funding from the Tesco Bags of Help fund, all of which has been spent on the Trans Pennine Trail. We are also seeking funding from companies on the local Business Park to replace a couple of benches at the seating area at the bottom of Vale Rd (as we have been told the Council has no money to do this) - so far we have been given £500 towards these.

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**12. How much are you applying for from the Ward Flexibility Budget?**

£446.16 inc VAT

The majority of the Trans Pennine Trail in Stockport runs through the Heaton South and the Brinnington & Central Wards, so we have split our request between the two.

**12(a) If the amount you are applying for covers only part of the project/activity, then please tell us how do you intend to fund any shortfall?**

N/A

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**13. What is the planned timescale for spending this grant?**

Start                As soon as possible

Finish             N/A – once purchased, this equipment will be used for as long as possible (ie until it is no longer useable)

### 3. Which Wards are you Applying to?

You may tick more than one box. Please note that no grant of more than £1,000 in totality will ordinarily be made.

Please tell us for each ward you wish to make an application to:-

- (a) how many people will benefit in that ward; and  
(b) what proportion of funding from your overall application you are seeking from each ward.

		Number of beneficiaries	How much funding you are seeking
<b>Bramhall &amp; Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee</b>			
Bramhall North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Central Stockport Area Committee</b>			
Brinnington & Central	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All of them	£ 223.08
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Edgeley & Cheadle Heath	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Cheadle Area Committee</b>			
Cheadle & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heald Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Heatons &amp; Reddish Area Committee</b>			
Heatons North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heatons South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All of them	£ 223.08
Reddish North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Reddish South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Marple Area Committee</b>			
Marple North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Marple South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Stepping Hill Area Committee</b>			
Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Stepping Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Werneth Area Committee</b>			
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£ £446.16</b>

This total should add up to  
the figure you provided in  
**Question 12**



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## 4. Application Checklist and Declaration

1. I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation ☒
2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct ☒
3. If the information changes in any way I will inform Democratic Services accordingly. ☒
4. I give permission for Democratic Services to contact my organisation and/or myself by phone, mail or e-mail with information about its activities and funding opportunities. ☒
5. I/we agree (if required) to attend an Area Committee meeting to explain how the proposal will improve the environmental, economic or social wellbeing of the area and to answer any questions. ☒
6. Our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful ☒
7. I/We will use this grant for the proposed project/activities stated in our application. ☒
8. I/we will not use the grant for any other purpose prior to contacting Democratic Services in order to seek authorisation. ☒
9. I/we will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Democratic Services, within 12 months from the Grant being made. ☒
10. I/we will highlight the support of the Area Committee in recent publicity material. ☒
11. I/we agree to providing information to assist in the future monitoring of the effectiveness of the funding including reporting back to the Area Committee on how the grant has been spent and what difference it has made. ☒
12. I/we agree that the content of this completed application form and any supplementary information provided may be published on the Council's website and other publications as part of the application process. ☒

Print your name

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

or if submitted electronically tick this box to signify your agreement to the above terms ☒

Date: 21/11/18