



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

1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Friends of Brabyns Park

2. Organisation/Individual Address

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title:

Name:

Role: Acting Chair

Address:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:



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

Please Tick

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

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

- To manage and care for the park, its flora and fauna for all to enjoy
- Encourage children and young people to take an interest in the park
- Encourage us of the park to promote healthy and sustainable lifestyles
- Deliver an annually updated action plan of park improvements

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

In 2007

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.

A governance/management committee	YES
A Constitution/governing document/set of rules	YES
An Equal Opportunities Policy	YES in draft*
A Child Protection Policy (where necessary)	YES in draft*
A Health and Safety Public liability	N/A **

**Policies are still in draft as they were to be considered at the AGM which was scheduled to take place in mid March 2020 but had to be cancelled because of the current pandemic.*

***PL insurance is provided by SMBC providing that the group observes laid down policies.*



2. About Your Application

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.

The aim of this project is to refurbish the viewing platform and re-site the commemorative bronze plaque that was installed in 2008 as part of the Iron Bridge Restoration Project.

The plaque was initially set on a 350 year old oak tree stump next to the bridge, which was carved with beautiful wild life carvings. A viewing platform with iron railings and a wind-up listening post telling the story of the project were added in 2011.

The viewing platform and plaque are key features of the park and provide a permanent record of this important piece of local history and the community led project to restore the Iron Bridge. Unfortunately, over time, the tree stump rotted and became unsafe. The plaque was removed for safe keeping and put into storage in 2018.

Since that time FoBP have worked with the Marple Website and Stockport Council to develop a project to restore the viewing platform and to relocate the bronze plaque onto a new set of railings bridging the gap left by the removal of the decayed tree stump.

The viewing platform is currently cordoned off with safety barriers, so the project is divided into two key stages in order to complete the necessary works safely, efficiently and in a timely manner: Currently the group is seeking a grant to help them complete stage one of the project.

STAGE ONE * Making the platform safe and accessible

- Install new steel lintels and new matching stone work and kerbs to bridge the gap in the viewing platform left by the removal of the decayed tree stump.
- Remove and replace / make good the wooden deck on the viewing platform.
- Make safe pending Stage 2.

STAGE TWO refit the refurbished plaque on new bespoke railings

- Fabricate and install a new bespoke matching decorative railing at the back of the platform to bridge the gap between the existing railings left by the removal of the stump.
- Clean and refurbish the bronze plaque at the original manufacturers.
- Mount the bronze plaque on the new railings and return the viewing platform to full use.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

If restored the plaque and viewing platform will inform all visitors to the park of the history of the unique Grade II listed Iron Bridge, its relevance to local history and the story of its restoration.



10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

As well as benefiting local residents and regular users of the park, the use of the park during the recent lock-down leads us to believe that many residents outside the Marple Bridge and Marple area will benefit from the restoration of the plaque too, as it will form a focal point of interest for all visitors. It has particular use for visits by school groups from across the borough and both organised and informal local history walks. We estimate in the region of 12,000 people could visit the park and benefit from reading the information that is on the plaque.

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

No

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.

These prices are based on contractor quotes sourced by SMBC

Site set up	£250
Steel lintels	£360
Stonework	£395
Decking	£1656
TOTAL	£2661

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

Stage One - £2661

Stage Two - £1588

Total - £4249

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

SMBC	£900
The Marple Website	£100
Marple Civic Society	£100
Friends of Brabyns Park	£561
TOTAL	£1661



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

£1,000

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?

The amount requested would make up the existing shortfall for Stage One and allow us to make progress on this first important stage of the project. FoBP will then continue to raise and seek funding from a variety of sources until we are also able to complete Stage Two.

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

Start: 2020*

Finish: 2020*

* The works will be undertaken by contractors employed by the Council and will be carried out as soon as practicably possible subject to Covid 19 restrictions and guidelines and contractor availability. We anticipate that the work would be completed before the end of 2020.



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
Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee			
Bramhall North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Central Stockport Area Committee			
Brinnington & Central	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Edgeley & Cheadle Heath	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Area Committee			
Cheadle & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heald Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heatons & Reddish Area Committee			
Heatons North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heatons South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Reddish North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Reddish South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Marple Area Committee			
Marple North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please see	£500
Marple South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	answer Q10a	£500
Stepping Hill Area Committee			
Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Stepping Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Werneth Area Committee			
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£1000
Totals			£1000

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



4. Application Checklist and Declaration

1. I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation X
2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct X
3. If the information changes in any way I will inform Democratic Services accordingly. X
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. X
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. X
6. Our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful X
7. I/We will use this grant for the proposed project/activities stated in our application. X
8. I/we will not use the grant for any other purpose prior to contacting Democratic Services in order to seek authorisation. X
9. I/we will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Democratic Services, within 12 months from the Grant being made. X
10. I/we will highlight the support of the Area Committee in recent publicity material. X
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. X
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. X

Print your name: [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

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

Date: 4th June 2020

