



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

Woodley Cricket Club

2. Organisation/Individual Address

Woodley CC, High Lane, Woodley, Stockport, Cheshire. SK6 1AZ

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Mr

Name: David Hotson

Role: Acting Chair

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:



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4. Please provide your bank account detailsAccount Name: Account Number: Sort Code: 

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

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| A New Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Organisation | <input checked="" 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Friendly Society | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing Association | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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

We provide opportunities to play and watch cricket in two leagues and with 3 senior mens teams, 1 x senior ladies team, 4 junior teams and 1 veterans team (over 40's). Members of the Derbyshire and Cheshire Cricket League as well as the Cheshire County League. We also provide football training facilities for JNS Premier Junior Coaching.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

1924

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| An Equal Opportunities Policy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Child Protection Policy (where necessary) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Health and Safety Public liability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



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What 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.

We built a self-funded clubhouse back in 2005 as we did not have the Clubmark accreditation and could not access any additional funding. Clubmark is a national symbol of excellence in the sport of cricket that recognises the safeguarding of all age groups and promotes equality in the form of inclusion and diversity. We achieved this in 2011 and have retained it ever since. We do still continue to pay off a long-term loan agreed with Marston's that helped us build the much needed clubhouse. Whilst the accreditation has helped with the development of the cricket club, we still need additional funding to help us realise our ambitions of a safe and thriving community club.

We are proud to provide facilities for the local community which fall outside the traditional use of cricket in the Derbyshire and Cheshire League. Local schools, including Greave Primary, Woodley Primary and Bredbury St Marks Primary all take the opportunity to use the ground and clubhouse free of charge. We also provide the club for any meetings they wish to hold. Additionally, we provide cricketing and changing facilities for use by Cheshire schools for both boys and girls. They also use our clubhouse for cricket development meetings.

Recent collaborations include providing training area within our outfield for junior football coaching by JNS Football, who bring Premier League Academy level training to the local community. In fact, we have players of Woodley CC who work as coaches for premier league football clubs and are leading the organisation and running of these sessions.

Why do we need support?

At these unprecedented times we need to remain together and come out of the Covid-19 crisis even stronger. As a club who wishes to continue to delight and encourage our community to use our facilities, we did plan to improve the disabled access and general safety of our clubhouse and surrounding area in 2020 and this was especially essential for those with disabilities. We feel we should continue to plan to raise funds and invest and have therefore established a Crowdfunder page as we cannot currently rely on the historic revenue received via players' membership fees, bar takings, nor from organised events whilst Covid-19 remains a threat.

If we can raise the required funds during this difficult period, then we can still make our facilities safe together in 2020 and not delay this much needed work. With the money we raise, all contributions will help us to provide more sustainable and safe facilities for the club and for all our members and supporters with disabilities that result in difficulty accessing the clubhouse and viewing area in front. Many clubs have struggled even before the pandemic and we are proud to have been able to swim against that tide and continue to grow and host cricket almost every night of the summer as well as provide a community facility for celebrations and events all year round. We appreciate any help to allow this to continue in the future.



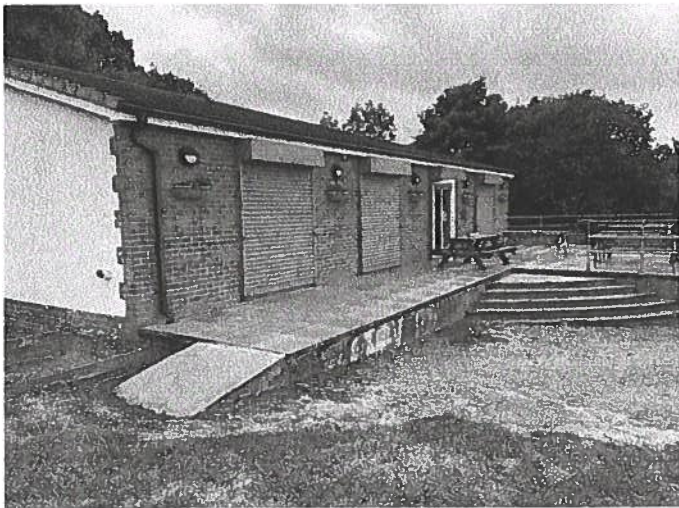
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Our plans are:

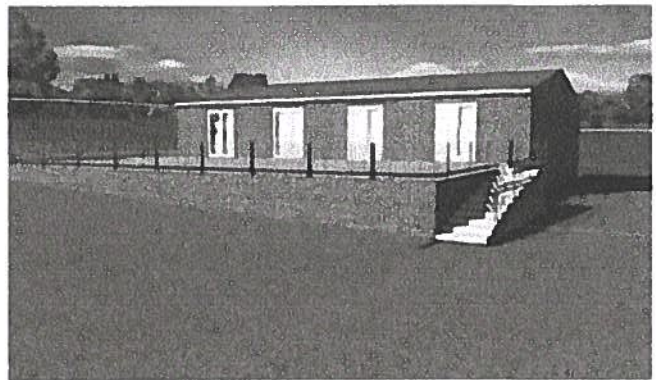
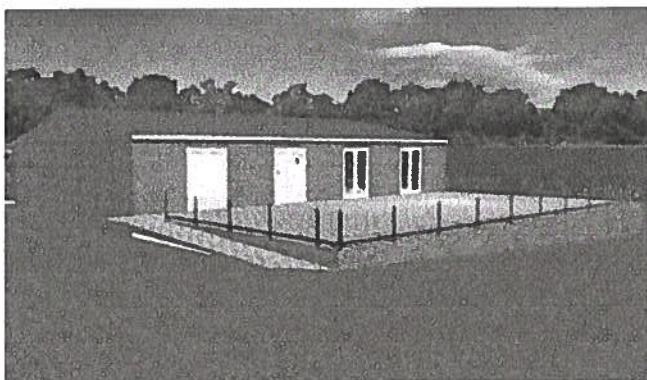
- Provide a purpose-built disabled access ramp to enable easier entry to the clubhouse. The current ramp is small and difficult to access.
- Extend the existing external area by a further 3 metres to enable better viewing on match day and easier wheelchair mobility. This will double up as a larger area for all events held at the ground.
- Provide new robust seating for both spectators and social events.
- Build new and safer steps to the side of the pavilion for players access during games.
- These improved and safer facilities will be available to all members and supporters and we do hope you will continue to support your local club as we continue to develop the growth vision for Woodley CC.
- Our aim is to take us from the version where our steps are broken, and our ramp is too small to an updated, safe and accessible clubhouse. Our pictures of how we look now and how want to look in the future can be seen clearly below:

Our Clubhouse now – this why we are looking to transform...



We have a limited and small ramp, a small terrace area and the steps are chipped.

Drawings of the Future Clubhouse – these are drawings provided by our surveyor



We hope you agree the pictures look fantastic and will help us to promote the use of our



community facilities. To help us achieve this vision, we do need support and have established a crowdfunder page to drive donations in return for rewards. The link can be found here:
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/facility-improvements-incl-disability-access-ramp>.

We also have a players joint 100km run to help increase funding as well as individual challenges that are helping too.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

The local community are warmly welcomed to use our facilities. We wish to encourage more people to embrace the sport of cricket and to encourage participation. There are some challenges with easy access for our disabled supporters and those with mobility issues. Our vision is to encourage the community to use safer and more accessible facilities as well as encouraging more social events held by the club or hosted celebrations for members as well as the local community. We also have a view that we can develop disabled cricket for the local community and with easier access this can encourage more enjoyment.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

We believe this could be the current 100+ members plus at least 150 more who can play for and support this community driven club.

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

No. We are committed to growing an inclusive and diverse community club which is a key component in our accreditation for the Club Charter which we have held with pride for 15 years.

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?

Altogether we aim to raise an estimate of between £12,500 - £15,000 and have started a Crowdfunder page which will include a number of initiatives designed to drive fundraising at pace.

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 just applied for a Sport England Activate Your Space fund which would match our Crowdfunder efforts up to a maximum of £5k. The aim is for our donators to provide money in return for a number of specific rewards.

We have a big event called the Woodley Club Run which involves 38 members running a total of 100km in a day covering each ground in the Derbyshire and Cheshire Cricket League. The aim for that event is also £5k.

Additionally, we have started the following:



- Hire out the club to premier level junior football coaching which is providing £300 per month
- We have offered 121 and group coaching with fees to go to this project which will provide c£200 per month
- We have a weekly bonus ball which is providing c£200 per month
- And one of the juniors' Mums has also completed a 50km challenge by herself and raised another £700.

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

We would appreciate guidance on this but would appreciate any support up to £1k.

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?

Please see comments in 11(b).

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

We believe we can raise the money over the next 2 months and would love to finish the project by the end of the calendar year.



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: **DAVID HOTSON**

Signature: 

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

Date: 20th June 2020



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