



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 Hesketh park & Mellor Green

2. Organisation/Individual Address

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Mr

Name: Norman Jones

Role: Task Day Leader; "Conservation Officer"

Address:

Postcode:

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

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

Maintain Hesketh Park & Mellor Green as wildlife & people friendly local greenspaces.
Organise 3 annual events for benefit of local residents & to raise funds
Hot-Pot Supper/Quiz, BBQ, Halloween.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

2009

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 type="checkbox"/> |
| A Health and Safety Public liability | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Friends are insured for task days & events in Park/Green under Council Insurance.



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.

Over last 7 years or so we have developed “Mellor Green” as an Urban Wildlife Area. It is behind the Library & is bordered by a well-used public footpath and has been much appreciated by local residents, and local wildlife.

The “Green” has been used to explain the role & importance of pollinators.

In pre-Covid years we have held “bug hunts” for families & seed sowing with cubs.

To date we have obtained funds from a variety of sources to progress this project - Northern Horticultural Society, Stockport Hydro, Ford Motors, Ward Flexibility (2015).

This application is to enable us to create new self-sustaining wildflower areas to benefit pollinators, these areas will be on “Bug-Life NW B-Lines for Pollinators” map and to inform more local residents about pollinators.

I have permission to sow in the grounds of electricity substation opposite H.Park.

I am talking to Waitrose about sowing a strip between carpark & public footpath.

I have a site meeting with Ian Walmsley to discuss how he can support project in other SMBC Greenspaces, such as Pownall Ave, Oak Meadow & Highfield Park.

All these areas are close to railway providing a flight line “connecting” the sites.

I have discussed this project with Suzanne Wyatt who is very supportive.

I have also mailed L.Holt who is also supportive.

This project will demonstrate the feasibility of sowing a variety of wildflower areas and I will discuss with local Friends Groups the possibility of further extending this to areas in Cheadle/Bramall such as Abney, Bruntwood & Bramhall Parks. I am in discussion with Stockport Greenspace Forum with the idea of getting as many Stockport Friends Groups as possible to sow wildflower areas & help to raise awareness of the vital role of pollinators & their current plight. I am drawing up simple “how to notes” to assist groups.

As well as helping to inform many people about pollinators it will also hopefully encourage them to sow wildflowers & further increase forage resources for pollinators.

It is not possible to quantify how many people will see & appreciate these wildflower areas but given the number of people visiting our greenspaces it will be a lot!

The more areas it can be extended to the more people & pollinators will benefit.

I have spent not only 10 years volunteering in H.Park & latterly Mellor Green but also 20 years conservation work in Happy Valley LNR; I trained & worked for many years as a biologist.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

It is not possible to quantify how many people will see & appreciate these wildflower areas but given the number of people visiting our greenspaces it will be a lot!

The more areas we can extend the sowing to the more residents will benefit as in 9 above.

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

NO – any local residents in C/Hulme & hopefully in other areas also.



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.

The playground markings vary but as a general basic roadway, car park bays, zebra crossing, target game and hopscotch would cost £1,029.50 plus VAT £205.90 = £1,235.40

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

Emorsgate cornfield annual mix EC1	2 kilo	£ 150
wildflower mix	100 g	£ 40
wild pollen & nectar ESF2	300 g	£ 55
clovers, legumes and herbs ESF3	2 kg	£ 25
Yellow Rattle	100 g	£ 30
	Total	£ 400

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 spent £70 from our own fund for seed sowings in C/Hulme for autumn 2020/spring 2021 (we spent £150 last year).

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

£400

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?

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

Start Autumn 2020

Finish Spring 2021

We will be greatly extending wildflower areas in Mellor Green, H.Park & grounds of electricity sub- station with sowings this autumn & spring 2021 using our own funds approx. £70.

We will begin sowing in other areas in spring & autumn 2021; spring 2022.

(IF we are successful may do some sowing this autumn if funds have been agreed).



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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 400
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 type="checkbox"/>	£
Marple South	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
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"/>	£
Totals		£ 400

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
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: NORMAN JONES

Signature:

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

Date: 16/10/2020

