



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 Scholes Park

2. Organisation/Individual Address

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Mrs

Name: Jo Outterside

Role: Secretary of Friends of Scholes Park

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address: Jo@friendsofscholespark.org.uk



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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 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 are a community group set up to make improvements to Scholes Park in Gatley. Scholes Park is an area of 3.9 ha of green space which includes open fields, large playing fields, a sports club house, a running track, small woodland areas and a children's play area.

Our aims are to increase the use and enjoyment of the park by the local community, improving health and wellbeing and strengthening links between park users. We aim to improve the infrastructure, improve the habitat value and to address anti-social behaviour in the park.

Our main activities are to plan events and make improvements to park. In the last two years we have achieved the following:

- Installation of a community planter (Incredible Edible Project, funded by the Ward Flexibility Fund and Rowlinson Construction)
- Installation of a new circular seating area (funded by Stockport Homes)
- Installation of a new seesaw (Funded by Manchester Airport Community Fund)
- Installation of a new roundabout (Funded by Stockport Council)
- Held task days with local schools, preschools and community groups for litter picks, bulb planting, wild flower planting and planting up of community planters with vegetables, fruit and flowers
- Held task days with adult community groups and the general public for blub planting and planting a tree
- Hosted an information stall at local events

We are currently working on:



- Further task days and events
- Installation of an information sign
- Installation of further play equipment
- Improvements to the running track
- Installation of a community orchard
- Further development of the wildflower area
- Working with the council for improvements to paths
- Installation of a children's story telling area in the woods
- Working with South Manchester Archaeological Research Team on their plans for an Archaeology dig project in Scholes Park
- Installation of an orienteering or walking trail
- Working with local businesses and Stockport Council on a park cafe

We have a committee and hold public meetings every 2 months. We have a Facebook group with 165 members and are in consultation with local schools, businesses and other voluntary groups.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

November 2018

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	<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 type="checkbox"/>



2. About Your Application

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

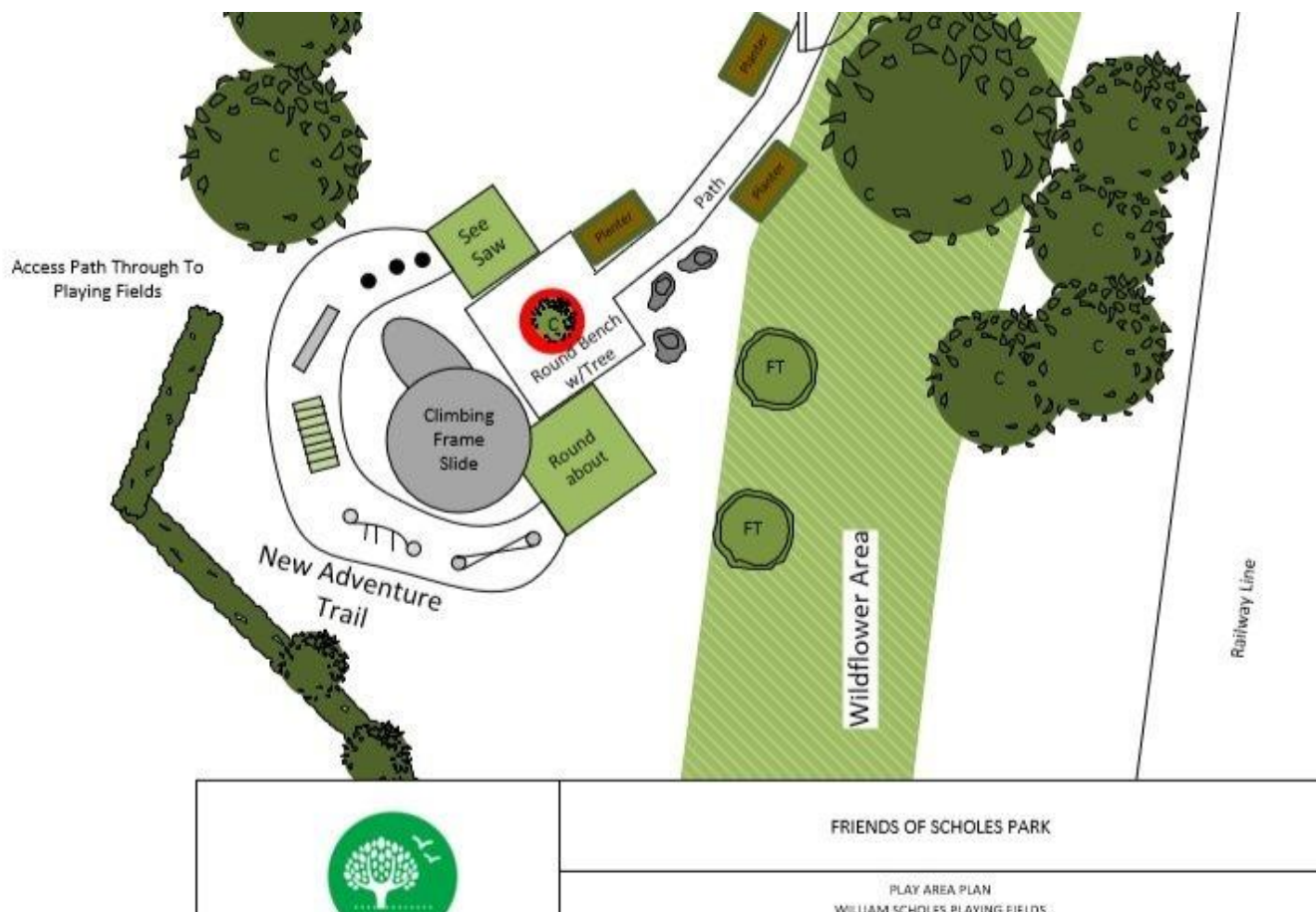
Installation of a Trim Trail

Our aim in 2021 is to raise enough funds to install a Trim Trail. This is an adventure trail for children including a wobble board, suspension bridge, rubber steps, swinging steps and tram tracks. Please see a photo of the play equipment and a plan of how this equipment will fit in the existing part below. The installation and supplier have been approved by, and is supported by Stockport Council.



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10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

All members of the local community particularly children and families will benefit from this project. The benefits of this project include:

- This new equipment will enhance the Scholes Park children's play area significantly providing an exciting environment for children's outdoor play and exercise.
- Increased footfall in the area will help prevent antisocial behaviour.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

All residents of Gatley have good access to the park, population approximately 9000. Of the 122 returns on our online survey all respondents visited the park at least occasionally with 20% visiting daily and 34% weekly.

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

None

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.



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

The total cost for the Trim Trial including installation is £11,250

This excludes VAT and Stockport Council have agreed to place the order for us and are exempt from VAT.

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

None currently

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

£1000

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?

It is our aim to raise the funds for this project over 2021 with a number of different funding applications including the Tesco Community Fund and the John Lewis Community Support Fund.

We are also taking donations directly from the public through a crowd funding page [Go Fund Me New Play Equipment for Scholes Park](#)

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

We will spend this grant by the end of 2021 when we have successfully raised the additional funds required.



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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9000	£1000
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	9000	£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 ☒
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: Jo Outterside – Secretary of Friends of Scholes Park

Signature:

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

Date: 13/11/20



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