



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

Community Active Stockport CIC

2. Organisation/Individual Address

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Miss

Name: Aimee Glennon

Role: Project Leader

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address: funding@communityactivestockport.co.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

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| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Friendly Society | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please specify) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing Association | <input type="checkbox"/> | CIC (not for profit) | |

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

Community Active Stockport CIC focuses on communities and groups of people within Stockport, aiming to reduce social isolation and increase mental and physical wellbeing through sport and recreational activities for those who do not regularly participate or engage in these activities for social or economic reasons.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

2020

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"/> |

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 Virtual Village will take place in Marple, serving the older community residents, and especially those living alone and in sheltered accommodation such as Rectory Court and Queen's Court, in walking distance of the village centre.

Using a GoPro type action camera, our project worker will film safe walking routes, places of interest and access points to local shops and community organisations in Marple, for example pointing out stopping places and benches.

She will interview local community businesses and community organisations, who will be very much involved in the project, providing footage of their shops and community venues to reassure residents of friendly welcome.

Verified volunteers and care workers will visit and share the footage with older people in their homes and care homes via 4g enabled tablets, showing them how to access further information about the organisations and their services digitally, eg on Facebook pages.

All the information will be kept securely on a Facebook page, run by a volunteer. The local Coop Member Pioneer is supporting the project also, bringing local causes and organisations together.

Many local organisations have adapted their provision to be online. However, many older people in Marple experience disproportionate challenge and difficulty as they do not have access to, or the skills to use, digital platforms to stay connected with the community. As a result, older people who would normally use the traditional 'Post Office Window', and established face to face groups such as the senior citizens' hall, coffee mornings, church, family visits, face increased social isolation and negative impact on their mental health, and decreased opportunities and confidence to actively engage in community life. The idea for the Virtual Village has come from community members' experiences for themselves or someone they know. The additional challenges of lockdown for a 'locked out' group of people without digital access has become increasing apparent, and the need to take action increased as face to face alternatives have been forced to close. Groups have realised they have lost the avenue to share public information and support those without digital access. As a result, the project addresses the needs of the whole community including older people, their families, local businesses, voluntary organisations, care workers.

The main benefit is to enable those experiencing social isolation to visualise and plan visits into the village, confident of what they will see there, and how organisations are adapting post COVID. A strong focus on elements such as safe walking and crossing routes, access to street furniture (eg benches to take a rest) and the layout of shops and organisations. The project connects the

community. The Virtual Village removes key digital barriers to older people in the Marple community in accessing public digital information, reducing social isolation and building confidence to connect with, and plan visits to shops, organisations and activities in the local area. The Virtual Village provides reassurance to family members and carers, that older people remain included in local information and activities. The project will help integrate the participants back into the local community with confidence

Our project coordinator will survey our participants at the beginning of the project to find out how they feel about the local community, how connected they feel and how often they visit the main shopping areas and community activities, as well as confidence with using digital platforms. They will be surveyed again towards the end of the project to measure how they feel and how often they have been visiting the local community as well as digital skills.

A successful project will see an increase in participant skills and confidence with using digital skills and in their connectivity, confidence and frequency of attending activities in the local community.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

Local residents of Marple who are experiencing social isolation, and are digitally disadvantaged will benefit from this service. These will predominantly be older people who are not as tech savvy, along with residents who cannot afford to access digital services.

Local businesses and groups will benefit from this grant as they will be able to share their services to a currently excluded customer market, increasing local business.

Volunteers will benefit from the wellbeing of sharing their skills with others

Families of the residents will benefit in the reassurance that their loved ones are able to connect with others.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

Within Marple. Up to 100 residents are expected to initially benefit. .

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.

Estimates (for a six month project):

4 x Samsung cellular tablets @ £230 = £920

4 x SIM data cards with Unlimited Data @ £20 per month x 6 months= £480.00

1 x Action Camera plus Chest Harness and SD Card @ £75.00

Sessional Project Worker @£350.00

Above costs inc VAT

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

To run for six months: £1825.00

To run for three months: £1585.00

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

Stockport Homes have awarded a grant of £1000 to purchase some of the initial equipment and fund a project co-ordinator to pilot the project for three months.

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

£600

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?

We have a plan to gain sponsorship from local businesses to support continuation of the project past the initial three months.

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

Start January 2021

Finish June 2021

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"/>	40 minimum	£ 300
Marple South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40 minimum	£ 300
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			£ 600

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: Aimee Glennon

Signature:

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

Date: 29 November 2020