



# 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

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### 1. Name of Organisation/ Group

United Stockport Circuit

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### 2. Organisation/Individual Address

Tiviot Dale Methodist Church  
Tiviot Dale  
Stockport  
SK1 1TA

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### 3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Rev'd

Name: Katie Smith

Role: Minister

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

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Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE

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#### 4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

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#### 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<br>No. 1134270 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Company Limited by Guarantee<br>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

We are part of the Methodist Church in Great Britain. Our circuit comprises 13 churches within the borough of Stockport and between us we undertake a wide range of activities including worship services, bible study, and social activities such as supporting food banks and holiday hunger projects, running toddler groups and meeting places for people with learning disabilities and who are lonely.

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#### 7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

The Methodist Church in Britain has been operating since the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

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#### 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

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### **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.*

A Drive In Carol Service. Last year the Circuit delivered this event as a response to COVID-19 isolation. Three services were held in a local park and ride venue with a big screen. Around 700 people attended in total, most not members of churches in the Circuit. We worked with local community organisations – Salvation Army, Schools and Choirs – to get pre-recorded carols to be played on the big screen and supplemented this with a live band consisting of musicians from within our own circuit. The ministers led the event from a stage at the front which included a telling of the Christmas story in the traditional way. The event was delivered technically by a local radio station which is where the bulk of the cost lies.

The Circuit agreed to underwrite the costs in the hope that funding might be available from external sources – unfortunately it was not, largely due to the pandemic – so the Circuit bore the entire cost. We want to repeat the event this year, even if the pandemic is not as serious we feel that for many people, this was a safe way to engage with Christmas, using a popular and easily understood method, the ‘Drive-In’. Our feeling last year was that the majority of folk who came would not have attended a Carol Service in a Church. However, we took the opportunity of giving all who attended a gift bag containing a flyer with details of Christmas services in our churches across the Borough.

Main risk would be that people would not attend this year as the pandemic is not requiring people to isolate. However, we feel that with proper Marketing through local FB groups and Eventbrite it will still be popular and may appeal in particular to people who are being cautious about mixing ahead of Christmas in order to reduce their risk of disease over the festive season. Last year, one of the services took place during a heavy storm. The stage and screen were nearly blown over but the professional team engaged to manage the event coped well and the service was able to finish.

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### **10. Who will benefit from this grant?**

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

Residents from around the borough, especially older people who feel vulnerable mixing and young people enjoying a different way to celebrate Christmas.

#### **10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?**

Around 700

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

People will need to be in a car, but car sharing should mitigate this.

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## **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.*

Cost of equipment and event management £9,000 incl VAT

Cost of printing and supporting materials ~£1,000 incl VAT

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

£10,000

**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 received a grant for £5,000 from the regional section of the Methodist church and will use some of our own reserves.

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**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?**

As above, regional grant and own reserves.

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

Start November 2021

Finish December 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.

Although the event is located in Hazel Grove, last year people attended from throughout the borough and we expect the same again.

		Number of beneficiaries	How much funding you are seeking
<b>Bramhall &amp; Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee</b>			
Bramhall North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Cheadle Hulme South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
<b>Central Stockport Area Committee</b>			
Brinnington & Central	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Davenport & Cale Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Edgeley & Cheadle Heath	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Manor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
<b>Cheadle Area Committee</b>			
Cheadle & Gatley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Cheadle Hulme North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Heald Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
<b>Heatons &amp; Reddish Area Committee</b>			
Heatons North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Heatons South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Reddish North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Reddish South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
<b>Marple Area Committee</b>			
Marple North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Marple South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
<b>Stepping Hill Area Committee</b>			
Hazel Grove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Offerton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Stepping Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
<b>Werneth Area Committee</b>			
Bredbury & Woodley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£50
<b>Totals</b>			£1,050



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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: Katie Smith

Signature: .....

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

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021