



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

Woodlarks Community Choir

2. Organisation/Individual Address

Woodley Methodist Church
Chapel Street
Woodley
Stockport
SK6 1NF

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Mrs

Name: Rita Buckley

Role: Secretary

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

4. Please provide your bank account details

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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 checked="" 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 choir based in Woodley, with members from across Woodley, Bredbury and Romiley. We meet every week on a Thursday at Woodley Methodist Church, to practice our songs and meet socially as a group. We are led by a Choir Director and everyone is welcome to join Woodlarks, we do not audition as this can be a barrier to participation. We have previously been out in the community to perform, including at Start Point coffee shop on Woodley Precinct.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

2003

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 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.

This grant would allow us to continue operating as a group. We pay a Choir Director to lead our activities and support members, as well as room hire and insurance to make sure we have a safe space provided for our members. These costs (other than insurance) are required on a weekly basis and will allow us to continue meeting to support our members and practice as a group.

We part fund our activities through membership subs but we do also need other sources of income to continue as a group. By sustaining our income we will be able to promote ourselves more, including with a new website and social media, and welcome new members once we have a more stable future.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

Our members are primarily in the 60+ age range although we do have younger members, and all live locally to Woodley, Bredbury and Romiley. As examples of diversity within the group, our eldest members are in their 90s, some of our members are carers for disabled adults or relatives, and some have previously struggled or are struggling with their mental health. Members benefit from the group, and thereby from this grant if we are successful, as they have a space to come and socialise based on a common interest of singing. Our members make friends with each other and meet outside of the group, helping to ease their loneliness and provide companionship, especially for those who live alone or who care for others.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

25

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

No

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?

For 12 months of continuing as a group we would have the following costs:

Choir Director - £4000 (40 weeks of meeting at £100 per session)

Room Hire - £1240 (40 weeks of meeting at £31 per week)

Insurance - £86 (annual cost)

Total - £5326

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 not currently applied for any other funding for the coming year of costs, however we will be looking at other options (e.g. Forever Manchester). We will be raising in kind funds towards this total cost on a weekly basis through membership subs.

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

We are applying for 7 weeks' worth of costs, to help bridge the gap between our membership subs expected income and our annual required expenditure. Costings are as follows for the grant:

Choir Director - £700 (7 weeks at £100 per session)

Room Hire - £217 (7 weeks at £31 per week)

Total - £917

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?

Most of the shortfall will be covered by expected income from membership subs. Any remaining shortfall should be covered by additional grant funding from other sources, or from fundraising events/activities run by the group.

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

Start	June 2022
Finish	August 2022

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£917
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Totals		£

This total should add up to
the figure you provided in
Question 12



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Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE

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: Rita Buckley

Signature:

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

Date: 07/02/2022