

## Appendix A

### Examples of projects supported by the Stockport CAN Fund

- 1.1. This appendix provides some examples of projects that have been supported by the CAN Fund.
- 1.2. GHG emission savings for each project are based on estimations and are calculated by adding yearly impact from 2022 until 2038, the net zero target for Stockport as a borough.

#### **Culture Bridge**

- 1.3. Culture Bridge is an organisation that supports migrant, asylum seeking and refugee women and their families to connect with the local community. The group applied for £500 from the CAN Fund to support a series of 7 community cooking classes that teach a group of 15 people how to cook locally-sourced and multicultural vegetarian recipes.
- 1.4. The group is involved with a food growing project in Gorton, and they wanted to use the vegetables grown by the group to share knowledge about the environmental benefits of using locally-sourced food and the reduced climate impact of a vegetarian diet. Participants are encouraged to bring this knowledge home and share with their families which increases the impact of the project.
- 1.5. Chinar Najib, the director of Culture Bridge, said this about the CAN Fund:

*“These workshops will create a strong bridge of communication and trust between the groups of women. It’ll raise their confidence and self-esteem and encourage them to step out of their isolation and work together under one united roof of sharing cultures and enjoying life together.”*

*“We can educate ourselves and other community members to learn more about how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, knowledge on climate action, and how to care for our environment together.”*
- 1.6. If participants of the programme commit to cooking locally-sourced vegetarian food just once or twice a week, this could save around 750kg of GHG emissions.

#### **Your Change Matters, Pebble Enterprises and Age UK Stockport**

- 1.7. Pebble Enterprises is an organisation based in Stockport town centre. In collaboration with Age UK Stockport, they applied for £500 to support a campaign named Your Change Matters which aims to create awareness of lifestyle changes that help to address GHG emissions.
- 1.8. The Your Change Matters campaign revolves around 500 starter packs which include “climate swaps” such as LED lightbulbs, re-usable straws and recipe cards for leftover food. The packs will also include information on other actions that can help address climate change, such as tools to calculate carbon footprints, where to get trusted information regarding the climate crisis, and other educational resources that will support behaviour change.
- 1.9. It is estimated that this project will save over a tonne of GHG emissions, if every person who receives a starter pack makes one or two small changes to their lifestyle.

## Chatty Wednesdays

- 1.10. Chatty Wednesdays is a group that meets in the Christ With All Saints church hall each week. Chatty Wednesdays provides a welcoming space for the neighbourhood, especially those who are lonely, those with mental health issues and those who have experienced loss. They applied for £500 to fund a new allotment scheme to grow fruit and vegetables using a piece of disused land on the church hall site.
- 1.11. Josh Gaskell, an organiser of Chatty Wednesdays, applied to the Fund to try to encourage greener lifestyles for its participants. Josh described that the project would encourage healthy lifestyles through providing fresh vegetables for health eating, sharing cooking skills, enhancing community cohesion, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions as members of the group travel often by taxi to collect takeaway food.
- 1.12. Josh said:

*“The allotment has grown from strength to strength with the money we have kindly received from [the CAN Fund] ... The allotment is maintained by a group of adult volunteers drawn from the 'Chatty Wednesdays' encompassing all walks of life. Those who are isolated and those who wish to make new friends, or those who wish to reach out to those in need.*

*The allotment is also now greatly used by kids of our Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade from the local area to teach the next generation of the joys of gardening and getting mucky outdoors! Since receiving this fund, we have started a Friday morning gardening group called 'Thank Fiacre its Friday!' (Fiacre being the patron saint of Gardeners) whereby members of the community can meet and potter in the garden together and then have a natter around a brew and a bacon butty.”*



**Chatty Wednesdays.**  
Images clockwise from top left: painting flowerpots; sowing seeds; digging in the soil; preparing seedlings.

### **Friends of Marple Memorial Park**

1.13. Friends of Marple Memorial Park are a volunteer community group that undertake park maintenance and host events and projects in the park, such as art projects, guided walks, treasure hunts and enhancing local biodiversity. They were the first successful applicants to the upper tier of the CAN Fund.

1.14. Mark Whittaker, the group's treasurer, got in touch with the CAN team to discuss ways to reduce the climate impact of the group's work. The group applied for £1,550 to replace their petrol-powered tools with battery powered tools. Mark said:

*"Friends of Marple Memorial Park are delighted to be the first "Upper Tier" project to have our idea supported by the Stockport CAN Fund. Our award will enable us to replace all our petrol driven gardening equipment with cleaner and greener cordless rechargeable items and remove our dependence on petrol completely!"*

1.15. It is estimated that these power tool swaps will potentially save up to a tonne of GHG emissions from now until 2038.

### **Scout Group Hut Insulation**

1.16. A scout group have recently had asbestos removed from their scout hut which has meant they are in the position to do some maintenance on their building. They applied for £500 to go towards the purchasing of ceiling insulation as well as more energy efficient heating systems such as an energy efficient radiator and wall insulation.

1.17. These energy-saving measures will significantly lower the groups' electricity usage, as well as saving the group money on their bills.

1.18. It is estimated that these simple measures will save over a tonne of GHG emissions from now until 2038.

### **Woodley and Bredbury Community Garden**

1.19. Woodley and Bredbury Community Garden is a group that aims to create a community garden and picnic space on an area of unused land adjoining the Peak Forest Canal. They applied for £230 for the Stockport CAN Fund to buy gardening equipment, seeds and bulbs to increase biodiversity of the area, and tools to allow fruit and veg growing.

1.20. In their application, they described how they would like to use the project to raise awareness of the benefits of locally-grown fruit and vegetables and how this reduces transport miles of food. They have also been given some fruit trees from the Kindling Trust and are planning on inviting local schools to get involved with tree planting projects. They had already secured permission from the owners of the land prior to their application to the CAN Fund.

1.21. The project is expected to save 500kg of GHG emissions from now until 2038 through the trees and plants sequestering carbon, and behaviour change through educating residents about the environmental benefits of locally-sourced food.

1.22. The pictures below were provided by the group to show the work they have been doing since receiving money from the CAN Fund.



**Bredbury and Woodley Community Garden.** Images clockwise from top left: a newly planted pear tree; a newly planted oak tree; a newly planted apple tree; bat and bird boxes and feeders; bulbs planted that are already in flower.