



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.

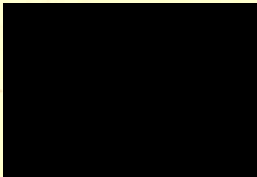
Please ensure that all boxes on this form are completed. You must also include all additional information that is requested.

1. About Your Organisation

1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Friends of East Avenue Park

2. Organisation/Individual Address



3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Miss

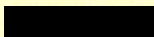
Name: Lydia Seton

Role: Chair of Committee

Address:

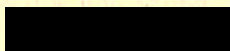


Postcode:



Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:



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Email Address:

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

☐

Voluntary Organisation

☐

A Registered Charity
No.

☐

Company Limited by Guarantee
No.

☐

Applying for Charitable Status

☐

Unregistered Association

☐

Friendly Society

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Other (Please specify)

☐

Housing Association

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

We are group of local volunteers who make up the Friends of East Avenue Park. We are mostly local parents, who want a nice outdoor space for our families to enjoy. We are a small team. Our main aim is to make sure we have a nice greenspace and park for the local community to enjoy. We help to fundraise to keep the park and play equipment up to date and relevant for the community's needs. We also act as a go between for the community and the council. East Avenue Park is one of only two parks that serve the community of Heald Green, which has a current population of almost 13,000. We have quite a mixed demographic, with 16% of the local community being of Asian heritage. This is over 10% higher than the Stockport total population percentages. We also have over 300 extra new properties being built in the local area and East Avenue Park will be their local park. It is a very popular park with people running, cycling, playing on the play equipment, dog walking, playing football and even just sitting on the benches and watching the planes and the world go by. It is very rare to pass the park and no one be in it.

We try to make the park as accessible as possible, within our local area is both The Seashell Trust and The Together Trust and we have visitors from both frequently. The path around the park is very flat which makes it easy for wheel chair users. We have two lovely rainbow picnic benches with spaces for wheelchairs under them. Our play equipment is from an 'accessible' range. Our park also only as one entrance and exit which helps with safety for our visitors who are less aware of dangers. Our latest project of a bucket swing will also increase the parks accessibility to all.

Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/FriendsOfEastAvePark/ if you would like to have a look.

We are an active group and try our best to make the park the best it can be for the local community

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.

A governance/management committee

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A Constitution/governing document/set of rules

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An Equal Opportunities Policy

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A Child Protection Policy (where necessary)

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A Health and Safety Public liability

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2. About Your Application

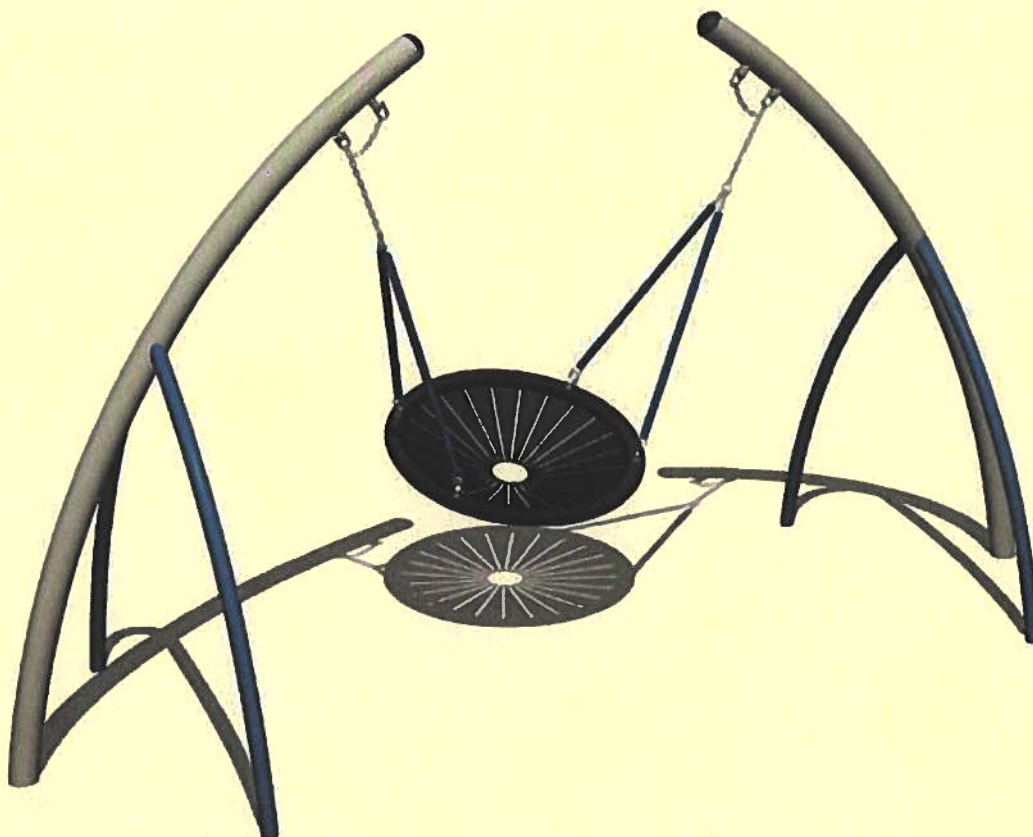
9. Please give us a brief description of your proposed/planned project or activity

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.

Our aim for East Avenue Park for 2022 is to finish raising the £9000 for a bucket swing that the previous Chair started prior to lockdown. Our park has always been so well used and since the pandemic this usage has also increased dramatically. We have surveyed our community for what the park needs and for a few different reasons a bucket swing has been the most popular choice for many reasons.

- A bucket swing will be accessible for members of the community who are too big for the baby swings but unable to sit on the normal swing seats.
- A bucket swing is a sociable way for people of all ages to swing together rather than alone
- A bucket swing is 'cooler' than the normal swings and seemed popular with children 8+
- A bucket swing will give the teenagers more things to do in the park which will stop the congregating on the play equipment designed for younger children.

By installing the swing in the park we hope to improve, enhance, protect and conserve built environment at the park as well as protect the greenery around it as everyone will have something productive to do at the park. The swing will benefit all members of the community regardless of race, gender, ability or religion. With mental health being as important as ever at the moment, an addition to the park will be most valued and appreciated by the whole community. The community have helped to fundraise for the swing and we have put on a picnic in the park and have another this coming September. With higher energy prices and the cost of living increasing we are also seeing many more people use the park, come rain or shine, rather than opting for paid for leisure venues. It will demonstrate a lasting benefit to the community if we could achieve the target and they could see what we have been working towards.



10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

The swing will mostly benefit local young people who use the park. It will also benefit families as they will have something extra to play on in the park. The swing is accessible so will benefit residents who are unable to access a 'normal' swing in the main park.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

There are approximately 13,000 residents in Heald Green and only two available parks. It is hard to say exactly how many it will benefit but there are approximately 2600 residents under the age of 16. There are also people who come from outside the Heald Green area,

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

There are no restrictions on our swing.

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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[Redacted Subject Line]

Hi Lydia

Thank you for the email.

Yes prices have increased by approximately 20% since the first cost estimate

• Traditional - £7,500.00 -
<http://www.playandleisure.co.uk/wp/project/basket-swing/>

• Velocity - £9,000.00-
<http://www.playandleisure.co.uk/wp/project/velocity-swing/>

• Cantilever - £11,500.00 -
<http://www.playandleisure.co.uk/wp/project/cantilever-basket-swing/>

There are a couple of housing developments that in the area that will be required to make a Section 106 contribution to improve play provision at East Avenue Park so there is the potential for some match funding from this source. I will confirm the details once I have them.

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I will take a look at the floor markings - I may be something we could help with in next years budget (from April 2023). I have as a priority to address the issue with standing water under the multi play unit and slide as part of next years budgeted works.

I have copied in Daryll the Neighbourhood Project Officer for the area so you have his contact too. Please see my direct number below should you require it.

Best Regards

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Contact Info]

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

£9000

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 independently raised £3,700
- We hope to raise another £1000 at our September Picnic in the park event
- We have received a £1000 donation from The Ratepayers
- We are currently applying for The CDL Fund and Brookfield Park Shires Fund
- If needed we will also apply for the Airport Fund for their Autumn deadline

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?

The shortfall will be covered as outlined above

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

Start – October 2022

Finish - December 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£1000
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		£1000

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:

Signature:



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



Date: 12/05/22

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