



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.

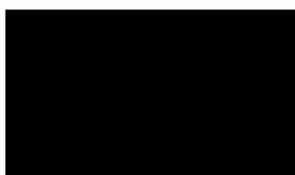
Please ensure that all boxes on this form are completed. You must also include all additional information that is requested.

1. About Your Organisation

1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Plastic Free Marple – this community group is working in conjunction with Climate Action Marple, whose constitution and policies it is in line with.

2. Organisation/Individual Address



3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

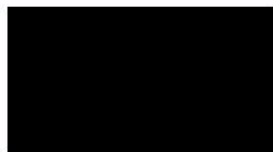
Title: Mrs

Name:



Role: Group Coordinator

Address:



Postcode:

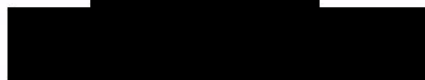


Home Phone Number: N/A

Mobile Phone Number:



Email Address:



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4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name: [REDACTED]

Account Number [REDACTED]

Sort Code: [REDACTED]

5. What is the status of your Organisation/ Group?*Please Tick*

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A New Group | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Organisation | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing Association | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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

Plastic Free Marple is a voluntary group of Marple community members that have an interest in protecting the environment by reducing our community's reliance on single use plastic. One of our core aims is to reduce the negative impact that plastic waste has in our local environment (in particular the green spaces and waterways in the Marple area).

We meet as a group to plan events, run a Facebook page to offer advice to the community, and plan positive changes that we can make in the community.

We have taken inspiration from Plastic Free Communities (a campaign run by Surfers Against Sewage) and adapted those ideas to suit and benefit the community of Marple.

Many of our members are also members of Climate Action Marple (CAM), and we consider ourselves to be in line with their policies/constitution.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

December 2022

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
- A Constitution/governing document/set of rules
- An Equal Opportunities Policy
- A Child Protection Policy (where necessary)
- A Health and Safety Public liability

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.

We plan to set up a returnable "takeaway" coffee cup scheme, to be managed as a collaboration between cafes/restaurants/shops in the Marple area that provide takeaway hot drinks, and to be supported by Plastic Free Marple. When customers order a hot takeaway drink, they will be encouraged to choose a returnable and reusable coffee cup instead of a disposable, single use one. The returnable cups will have an attractive design printed on them that is related to Marple, for which we plan to either enlist a local artist and/or run a competition to enlist the help of members of the community to form the design. The cup will be returned via a number of ways; we are planning to have a collection bin at the monthly makers market (Make It Marple), they can be swapped for a clean one when they next buy a take-away drink or they can simply be returned to a participating vendor. The scheme will be run on a trust basis, with the emphasis on it being a community owned scheme, which will hopefully encourage users to care for the cups and want to return them. Plastic Free Marple and supporting businesses will promote the benefits and impact of the scheme on social media, local media and at local events.

Alternatively, we could look at employing a deposit-return scheme, where the customer pays for the use of a cup, which can then be refunded at one of the participating outlets when they have finished using it. We have already started consulting with interested venues to work out which would be best for customers and themselves.

We would like to bid for funds to make an initial purchase of 400 cups to test whether this scheme is viable in a community setting such as ours. We will distribute them between participating venues, and develop and implement a suitable system that will manage, clean and redistribute the returned cups and refund any deposits that were taken. We will set up communication channels between organisers and venues to ensure smooth running of the scheme. Once the scheme is established, we plan to pass the responsibility of replacing cups (that are lost or broken) to the venues, so that no additional central funding will be needed. When further cups are required the aim is for the outlets to fund this, so Plastic Free Marple will ensure that positive outcomes from the scheme are communicated directly to the venues so that they understand the value of participating. If properly implemented, the cost of reusable cups that are used many times over will be less than that of a single use, disposable cups that would

have been bought by vendors in their place. Plastic Free Marple will provide ongoing support to advertise and support the scheme. Plastic Free Marple will continue to encourage new members via local networks and social media, to ensure continuing support of the project. Additionally, if funding is secured, Plastic Free Marple would be happy to share and disseminate any positive outcomes from the scheme to other communities in Greater Manchester (and further afield), helping other communities to address these environmental concerns in a similar way.

Lentils and Lather, a Local business that has an emphasis on reducing plastic waste, are involved with setting up the scheme and will be a participating venue. We have also started to approach vendors in Marple and have had only positive feedback, with at least two central businesses saying that they would like to be involved. Once funding is in place we plan to invite business owners to a meeting to discuss next steps. We envisage the scheme extending to Marple Bridge, and possibly venues in Goyt Mill. There are a few similar schemes already set up across the UK, however, Marple would be an early adopter for a scheme like this. One of the other schemes that we have identified is in Stirling, Scotland, and the organisers of that one have supported us by providing practical information on how they coordinate their scheme, which operates on customer deposits. Lentils and Lather have discussed the scheme with their customers, and we have placed a post on Facebook about it, which has resulted in many people from the general public saying that they would use it.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

All Marple residents will benefit from being part of a positive move to reduce the damaging impact of single use plastic. It will be a project the community can feel ownership of and feel proud of, and it will make Marple a more attractive place to visitors. Living in a forward thinking and sustainable area will improve the wellbeing of residents of all ages. Children in Marple will grow up knowing first-hand the benefits of a circular economy (a supply chain that is based on reuse rather than single-use).

The local environment will have less litter, which will reduce the need for litter collecting, and reduce the negative impact on local wildlife. Rivers in Greater Manchester are known to be heavily polluted with microplastics (<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/news/uk-rivers-microplastics/>), so any reduction in plastic litter would help to reduce the burden that human activity is having on our waterways. Since many people mistakenly believe that disposable coffee cups can be recycled with paper (which is very rarely true due to the plastic lining), this scheme will cause less contamination of recycling processes.

The scheme can be rolled out into the new proposed leisure facility in Marple, adding another aspect of sustainability to the new facility.

There are currently no schemes such as this in Stockport, therefore setting this up in Marple could pave the way for similar schemes across the borough. Plastic Free Marple would be keen to liaise with other community groups on this.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

The 19,600 (approx.) residents of Marple North and South will benefit from the scheme, as well as visitors from outside including the wider Stockport area.

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

No restrictions

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?

400 x 12oz reusable coffee cups with lids from Circular and Co

(<https://circularandco.com/returnable-cup-scheme>) with 2 designs printed on each = **£816** (incl. VAT)

Other expenses:

- Advertising costs to promote the project (website, QR code, printing) = **£84** (estimate)
- Collection bin for returning cups at makers market = **£100** (estimate)

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

No other sources of funding have been applied for as yet.

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?

This funding would cover the entire set up costs.

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

Start September 2023

Finish September 2024

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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"/> | 9,900 | £500 |
| Marple South | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 9,700 | £500 |
| 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: 12-9-23

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