



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

Sustainable Living in the Heatons (SLH)

2. Organisation/Individual Address

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title:

Name:

Role: Secretary, Sustainable Living in the Heatons

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:



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4. Please provide your bank account details

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 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

Sustainable Living in the Heatons (SLH) was established 13 years ago as a local, volunteer-led organisation with a broad remit to make the 4 Heatons a better place to live now and for future generations. The focus is on environmental issues, which include an eclectic mix of activities and events to suit all ages and interests.

Over the years these have included:

- development of raised beds in public areas for growing herbs and vegetables;
- a series of evening bat walks in spring and late summer, since 2021;
- planting and maintenance of a community orchard;
- local volunteer-led cycle rides for families and those lacking confidence on the bike;
- layering and maintenance of an ancient hedge to encourage wildlife;
- hedgehog monitoring;
- swap shops;
- energy awareness events;
- food waste banquets;
- stalls at a range of local events with environmental themes and activities;
- promotion of, and organising *Heatons Climate Action Festival* in September 2020. <https://www.slheatons.org/heatons-climate-action-festival/programme/>
- organising awareness-raising events as *Low Carbon Heatons*, with funding from Stockport Climate Action Now (CAN);
- setting up the Heatons Repair Café which started October 2023, in collaboration with Heatons' Men in Sheds, St Pauls' Church and other local volunteers;

SLH has a core group of volunteers, and a wider membership list of several hundred people who join in with specific activities. We have close and active links with other local groups and are recognised as being an important part of the community in the Heatons.



Further information can be found,
Website: www.slheatons.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/slheatons/

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?
2010

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 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

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 application is for funding for wood to mend and strengthen the damaged sides of the raised herb bed in Heaton Moor.

We built the first SLH raised bed outside Blue Corn/the Co-op in the centre of Heaton Moor in 2013, and other beds have followed in different parts of the Heaton. Our plan was to build a community garden where shoppers could pick up herbs for their next meal while doing their shopping. It could be an easy, cheap, plastic-free way to obtain common herbs. We also thought that local people could see how easy it is to grow herbs and be inspired to grow their own.

Since being built the bed has become an eye catching focal point in the middle of the shops. When the SLH team get together to tend the plot, passers-by to stop, talk, discuss the herbs and comment on the bed. People come with their scissors to clip herbs to take home. Local shopkeepers and residents have watered it during the heat of the summer. We've labelled the herbs in different ways over the years, but always our aim has been to show that the herbs are there for everyone to pick as they need. The raised bed is maintained by SLH team and other interested local people who weed, plant, prune, and feed the herbs.

General wear and tear, as well as people sitting on the sides, has weakened the bed. We have patched it to stop it collapsing, but some of the wood needs replacing with stronger wood. We have a volunteer team who will do the work this winter 2023/4. We need to obtain strong, good quality hard wood.

We are putting in the application now because we want to avoid the bed collapsing this winter.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

We believe that all the residents benefit from this bed.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

It is hard to know exactly how many: hundreds, perhaps thousands.



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

None

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.

To do the three sides would require:

<https://treestation.co.uk/product/2-5m-sleeper/> [6x@£33.42](#) each £200.52

<https://treestation.co.uk/product/untreated-larch-half-sleeper/> x 4 @£19.35 each, total £193.50

Delivery £35

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

£529.02

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 submitted an article which will be in the December Heatons Post asking for donations of suitable wood, and if enough appropriate wood is donated we will withdraw this application to the Ward Flexibility Fund.

We are applying as a voluntary organisation to Recycle for Greater Manchester for free compost soil to top up the bed.

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

£500

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?

We will consider use of SLH funds. It is SLH's usual practice to obtain funding before engaging on a new project of this size.

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

Start: As soon as funding is confirmed

Finish: March 2024



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 & Stockport Central	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Edgeley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Cheadle Area Committee		
Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Cheadle West & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Heald Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Heatons & Reddish Area Committee		
Heatons North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£500
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 & High Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Stepping Hill Area Committee		
Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Norbury & Woodsmoor	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Werneth Area Committee		
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Totals		£500

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:

Signature:

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

Date: 16/11/2023

