



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

All Saints Church, Cheadle Hulme

2. Organisation/Individual Address

All Saint's Church
Church Road
Cheadle Hulme
SK8 7JL

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title:

Name:

Role:

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

Return to:
Democratic Services
Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE
democratic.services@stockport.gov.uk

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 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

Since March 2023 we have found that the ever-increasing pressures on the cost of living and the isolation a lot of older people face, there was a need to provide somewhere for people to get together to meet other people facing the same issues. Our Friendship Café has grown in numbers throughout the year with around 8-10 meeting each week to now over 30 regulars. The majority of those coming to our café are over 75 and most are living on their own and/or have recently lost their long-term partner.

We have found that the space we provide has seen the effect of high-quality social connections are essential to our mental and physical health and well-being. We have seen those attend go from unsure, nervous, shy individuals to flourishing confident people. On occasion we have a celebration at the Friendship Café these have included 'a look back on the life of Cheadle Hulme,' which was a chance for people to bring in photos of what life was like in Cheadle Hulme when it was just fields, and to talk about loved ones who are missed but no longer with us. We had a Coronation Celebration for the King's Coronation and again it provided a chance for our users to talk about the Queen's Coronation and to reminisce about the past. We have found that this has helped build friendships as each user often finds someone else that went to the same school or lived just down the road.

Shared memories allows our users to get to know each other a bit more but also builds the community feel in our café as people realise that they aren't alone, and they now have someone else to say hello to and have a chat if they see each other out in the village.

One user said, 'I was unsure of coming through the door of what would be expected of me, but I have found here a place of welcome, people allow me to talk about losing my wife recently without the feeling of embarrassment and the people I have met here have brought me some joy, which has been missing for a while.' Other users who have met at the friendship café now meet up at other occasions throughout the week, to help combat the loneliness so many people experience when they reach over 75.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

The Friendship Café at All Saints Church began as a warm space in October 2022 run on a Wednesday, from 10am – 2pm. It provided a place of warmth during the winter months until March 2023. The café provided for free, hot food and drink as well as a listening ear. In March 2023 we renamed our Warm Space to Friendship Café due to the need of those in our area for connection and conversation and the opening hours became 11:30pm – 2pm (mainly because people didn't get to us until 11:30am).

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 type="checkbox"/> |
| A Constitution/governing document/set of rules | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| An Equal Opportunities Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A Child Protection Policy (where necessary) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A Health and Safety Public liability | <input 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.

Our café is run by volunteers and is headed up by one of the Church's Pastoral Workers. They oversee the running, set up and pack down for each week. The team of volunteers are mainly from the church, however, recently we have had people join us who are from the wider community who want to help provide a warm, welcoming space for those who find themselves on their own.

We are asking for funding of £1000 to provide the food and refreshments for the users who come each week, this ranges from sandwich fillings, crisps, soup, rolls, biscuits, and fruit. We need to cover our energy costs such as heating, lighting, energy for heating soup and making hot drinks, and for cleaning our space and kitchen. We provide toilet facilities and need funding to make sure these are clean, replenished and kept to a good working order. The energy costs for running the Friendship Café are higher in the winter as we provide a warm space for those who are unable to heat their home throughout the day, however, we are looking for grants to support our work as we continue providing a space for people to gather throughout the warmer months of the year as well as the colder ones.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

Older residents, majority of whom are over 75, many of whom live on their own and/or have recently lost their long-term partner.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

30 regular attendees, with the potential for more during the winter.

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

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?

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

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

£1,000

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?

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

Start

Finish

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 1000
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 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 & 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		£ 1000

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:

Return to:
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Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE
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