



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

Reddish Men in Sheds

2. Organisation/Individual Address

Unit 11 Hurstfield Industrial Estate
Hurst St
Reddish
SK5 7BB

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title:

Name:

Role: Administrator

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing Association | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Community Association with Charitable purposes

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

Reddish Men in Sheds (RMiS) are a group of (mainly) older men who meet three afternoons each week to service and repair donated old bicycles. We sell these bicycles onto the community via a local charity shop (Re:Dish) or direct sales. They are sold at modest prices to ensure that as many people as possible can access cycling regardless of income. We also give our children's bikes to a local school at Christmas and summer holiday times to enable some children to have their very own bike who would not otherwise get an opportunity to cycle.

As well as boosting the physical and mental health of the community by providing affordable access to exercise we also want to improve the general health of our group members. There will be over 1.5 million men aged over 50 in the UK by 2030. Often at risk of isolation and depression, after a lifetime of active working, older men may find themselves with poor health, no partners, bereaved or divorced, have no families nearby, struggle to get out, have restricted social activities etc. All these factors make for loneliness and limited life choices. In Reddish where we are based there are high rates of inactivity amongst the older males so we want to offer some kind of meaningful activity to help men see that there is still purpose in life and things to do and achieve.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

June 2014

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
- 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

Our focus for this request for funding is to increase our facilities for bike maintenance as requests for membership increases. At present we are limited by equipment constraints. RMiS would like to purchase workbenches and bike storage docks. Consequently more members could work on bikes at any one time; it would speed up the turnover of bikes and enable us to accept more members and bike donations. The increased sales will go towards our running costs, we don't sell enough (or price them high) to make any profit.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

As well as boosting the physical and mental health of the community (young and old) by providing affordable access to exercise this will also directly impact our group members. Working together on projects can banish isolation and show men that there are many ways out of loneliness and inactivity.

Our members come from all over Stockport. We sell the bikes via a local Reddish charity shop but others go further afield around Stockport from direct sales. The benefits are many:

1. Bikes from around Stockport are saved from landfill
2. More people can access cycling for hobby/ alternative and greener form of transport/ increasing their exercise
3. Reducing cyclists reliance on cars or public transport
4. Promoting a cheap form of transport
5. To help to protect our environment

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

*Approx. 50.

We currently have 18 members (and are taking new enquiries almost weekly)

Number of residents who will benefit is harder to calculate exactly: these are current figures but with extra work facilities this will increase. Currently we sell approx. 6 bikes per month - benefitting each new owner. It also benefits residents who can easily and safely pass on their old bikes to us. Donations vary hugely from 2-3 a week down to 4 per month. It depends on storage capacity.

For the purposes of this form (Q. 3A and 3B) I have had to allocate these numbers between both Reddish South and Reddish North Wards even though our members and bikes come from/ go to areas all over Stockport.*

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

No- although group members are mainly older men, we accept bike donations from all and sell on a variety of bikes for young and old, road/ off-road/ commuter/ children's bikes etc.

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.

Clarke Workbench @ £101.99 x 3 Total = £305.97 (incl. VAT)

<https://www.machinemart.co.uk/p/clarke-cwb-r1b-workbench-with-pegboard-back-pa/>

Bike wall dock storage @ £44.39 x 10 = £443.90 (incl. VAT)
<https://www.bikedocksolutions.com/the-wall-dock>

11(a) How much will the project/activity cost in total?
£749.87

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 not raised any money for this project yet. We have also applied to the Skylight fund but that would only cover part of the 'wish-list'. This application is to address the extra items needed.

12. How much are you applying for from the Ward Flexibility Budget?
£749.87

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?

N/A

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

Start As soon as we receive the funding we will purchase the items.
Finish Items will be used continuously so end date N/A

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 type="checkbox"/>		£
Heatons South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Reddish North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25*	£374.93
Reddish South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25*	£374.94
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			£749.87

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: 17.01.2024

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Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE
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