



# 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

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### 1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Whitehill Allotment Society

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### 2. Organisation/Individual Address

Whitehill Street West  
Stockport  
SK4 1NR

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### 3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title:

Name:

Role: Chairperson

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

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### 4. Please provide your bank account details

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Account Name: [REDACTED]

Account Number: [REDACTED]

Sort Code: [REDACTED]

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

*Please Tick*

- |                                |                          |                                  |                                       |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> X |
| Friendly Society               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please specify)           | <input type="checkbox"/>              |
| Housing Association            | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                  |                                       |

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

We are a large allotment site in Stockport with over 60 growing plots, 7 poultry plots, a communal orchard, a beekeeping plot and a communal wildlife area. We exist to bring the benefits of growing your own food and having access to nature and the outdoors to as many members of our community as possible, to protect the "green lung" that we have here in the middle of an otherwise very built up area, and to improve and maintain the facilities on site, so that it can all be enjoyed for generations to come.

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**7. When was your Organisation/Group established?**

1892

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

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## 2. About Your Application

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### 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.*

Over the past year, we have been working to bring back into use a large wildlife area that we have on site. Over previous years it had become totally overgrown and inaccessible, but thanks to a £1000 grant from the ASDA Community fund and the hard work of some of our allotment users, we have been able to start to bring the area back into use. We want it to be an area that can be enjoyed by people and that provides a vital habitat for wildlife.

The ASDA money has allowed us to do the majority of the "heavy" work. We have cleared the overgrowth, cleaned out and fenced off the ponds, cleared pathways and refurbish the portacabin classroom on the area, which was leaking badly and was unsafe. We have purchased some raised beds, soil, hand tools etc that can be used by community groups for gardening. Some of our allotment users have donated items such as flagstones for a patio area, and outdoor table and chairs. We have achieved lots, but there is more to do.

We wish to buy wall charts for the classroom, to help children and adults alike identify the different species of bats, birds, spiders and insects that they might see on the wildlife area, and we would like some waterproof nature scavenger hunt cards that can be used in a fun and informative activity for children. We would also like to buy a couple of good quality bat boxes and hedgehog houses, to help encourage wildlife back to the area following all the disruption there. Additionally, we would like to buy a set of magnifying bug collection pots and specimen collection trays and some pens, pencils and paper for the use of those taking part in the activities.

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### 10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

Our allotment users and their families will of course benefit, and we have two community groups that share a plot on site, (SPARC and Pure Innovations) whose users will also be able to make use of the resurrected wildlife area. But we want to offer the benefits of our site to many more local people, particularly those who don't have an outside space of their own, or who are isolated socially. We have recently made a partnership with an NHS dementia group who will be visiting the site on a regular basis, and for whom the wildlife area will provide a relaxing, calming environment to meet up in. We have also liaised with Forever Manchester (Lisa Kershaw) who has contact with other groups locally that would love to come and enjoy the area. For example the family support group at Lancashire Hill Flats, who could use the area for outdoor family fun sessions, bug hunts, wildlife art activity sessions and such like. We already have links with the local primary school, and welcomed a group of their children onto site last year to support their learning about food production. By offering more activities in different environments around the site, such as in the wildlife area, we can build on this and welcome further organised school groups.

### **10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?**

We estimate that somewhere in the region of 200 residents will benefit from the wildlife area that is being brought back into use, (not to mention the wildlife itself).

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

No. (NB: The site is not a publicly accessible open space, so access and activities will always be by arrangement with the site committee, who are responsible for ensuring that safe practices are followed at all times).

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## **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?**

We have sourced the wall charts, scavenger hunt cards, bird and bat boxes from the RSPB at a cost of £175, the magnifying bug collection pots are £16 (for a pack of 8) and the specimen collection trays are £17 (for a set of 8). Pens, pencils, paper etc £12. Total cost: £220.00

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**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 had £1000 from ASDA community fund in October 2023, (all spent).

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

£220.00

**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?**

NA

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

Start April 2024 (or as soon as granted)

Finish June 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
<b>Bramhall &amp; Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee</b>			
Bramhall North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Central Stockport Area Committee</b>			
Brinnington & Stockport Central	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Edgeley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Cheadle Area Committee</b>			
Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle West & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heald Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Heatons &amp; Reddish Area Committee</b>			
Heatons North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50	£55
Heatons South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50	£55
Reddish North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50	£55
Reddish South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50	£55
<b>Marple Area Committee</b>			
Marple North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Marple South & High Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Stepping Hill Area Committee</b>			
Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Norbury & Woodsmoor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Werneth Area Committee</b>			
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Totals</b>		200	£220.



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This total should add up to  
the figure you provided in

**Question 12**

## 4. Application Checklist and Declaration

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|----|---|--------------------------|
| 1. | I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    |   | Y                        |
| 2. | I certify that the information contained in this application is correct   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    |   | Y                        |
| 3. | If the information changes in any way I will inform Democratic Services accordingly.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    |   | Y                        |
| 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.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    |   | Y                        |
| 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    |   | Y                        |
| 6. | Our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    |   | Y                        |
| 7. | I/We will use this grant for the proposed project/activities stated in our application.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    |   | Y                        |
| 8. | I/we will not use the grant for any other purpose prior to contacting Democratic Services in order to seek authorisation.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    |   | Y                        |
| 9. | I/we will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Democratic Services, within 12 months from the Grant being made.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|    |   | Y                        |

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10. I/we will highlight the support of the Area Committee in recent publicity material.  Y
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.  Y
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.  Y

Print your name:

Signature: 

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

Date: 26/02/2024

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