



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

Hazel Grove Mutual Aid

2. Organisation/Individual Address

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title:

Name:

Role: Committee Member

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

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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

Hazel Grove Mutual Aid started out of the Covid-19 pandemic, providing support for people who were unable to leave the house, we began our work collecting shopping and prescriptions and providing a friendly face and someone to talk to.

We have continued this work, and after lockdowns we also began hosting monthly community litter picks in and around Hazel Grove.

As well as this, we run a regular walking group specifically aimed at supporting isolated people to get out of their houses, meet others, and get some casual exercise in the process.

Hazel Grove Mutual Aid have also been hosting a take a book, leave a book style 'Little Library' which we are looking to improve by funding a more permanent structure to hold the books.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

The organisation was established in March 2020.

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

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.

Hazel Grove Mutual Aid (HGMA) currently host a 'take a book, leave a book' little library. The books are currently kept in the house of a member and put out during the day, when weather allows, in a makeshift bookshelf. We would like to create a more permanent solution similar to other little libraries that can be found in Davenport. The new structure, which we are looking for funding for, would be made by a Manchester company that specialises in creating sheds, cabinets, etc. out of recycled wood and other materials. The new cabinet would be similar to a tool shed, but would have shelves on the inside to hold the books. The proposal at the moment is that the shed would be kept in the front garden of one of the members of HGMA, but we are in discussions with councillors and local businesses and there is potential for the library to be situated somewhere with higher foot traffic.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

Local residents of all ages would benefit from this proposal, many residents enjoy reading and own many books that they do not know what to do with, many books have already been gifted to and borrowed from the little library in its present position and we believe that this number would increase if the library was more accessible at different times of the day. Furthermore, the little library may increase the visibility of HGMA and allow for people to hear more about what we do and how they can volunteer, this would benefit residents as it would mean that more people would be exposed to our walking group or to considering volunteering at some of our litter picks.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

Unsure.

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

The library would be free to access for anyone in, visiting, or travelling through, Hazel Grove. We already have a variety of books including children's books, thrillers, fantasy, and non-fiction so all tastes will be provided for.

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.

Emerge Touchwood have quoted the cost of the cabinet/shed at £283+VAT (Approx. £339.60). We have raised £62 from public donations which we plan to use for installation costs as well as the cost of decorating the structure (paint, paint brushes, varnish, etc).

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

£402.

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

HGMA have managed to raise £62.94 from public donations to go towards the cost of the library.

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

£339.00

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?

The money being applied for covers the cost of construction of the structure. Delivery of the structure will be carried out by volunteers at HGMA. Cost of decorating and upkeep will come from public donations.

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

Start March 2024

Finish April 2024

Once funding is received, we plan to order the structure and have it in place and ready to use within a month.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 339.00
Norbury & Woodsmoor	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Werneth Area Committee		
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Totals		£ 339.00

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: 29.02.2024

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