



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

Bramhall in Bloom

2. Organisation/Individual Address

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title:

Name:

Role: Organiser

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

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Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE
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4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

Reference Number is needed:

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

We are a voluntary group of longstanding local residents who wish to continue to improve the appearance of Bramhall village. This is our fourth Summer planting and we are successful. Our efforts are being noticed. We care for eight large planters and have improved eight plots in the centre and its approaches that we continue to tend. We plant up twice yearly for a Summer show and a Winter show.

Last May for the Coronation we trialled 20 small planters outside the shops in the centre. They were filled with red and white geraniums. These have been very pretty and watered by the shopkeepers. They are in flower now with polyanthus and tete a tete daffodils.

Bramhall in Bloom has planted over 2,500 bulbs in and around Bramhall, mainly the miniature tete a tete daffodils, very effective in the Spring.

They will be planted up again for a Summer show.

We fund raise and hope to add a number of holestars/hanging baskets, again, our third year of displaying these.

We are part of Bramhall Green Network and meet and liaise with the other eight voluntary groups to the benefit of the area.

We work with a local nursery raising awareness of biodiversity and climate change with the children who enjoy planting vegetables and flowers with members of our group under supervision of the staff.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

May 2021

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.

Replanting our eight large planters and 20 small planters for a Summer show and a Winter show so twice over 2024. Continue to tend our eight plots that we have improved over the last three years. These have shrubs but we add in bedding plants for the Summer/Autumn and then winter pansies and polyanthus for a Winter/Spring show. We water and care for the planters weekly with help and cooperation from shopkeepers and residents.

Funds permitting, we feed the soil with peat free compost where needed and plan to add another 750 tete a tete bulbs in the Autumn in our cared for spaces.

Again funds permitting we will order the holestar/baskets for the third year. These are our only option. Hanging baskets are too low and were stolen when we trialled them three years ago. Holestars, placed higher, and with contract watering seems the only option.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

All local residents and visitors to the village along with local shops and businesses. An attractive village centre will encourage people into the village, improve the well being of residents and visitors as well as attracting people to use Bramhall's eateries, retail and services. We are a strong team, we work well together and welcome other volunteers.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

All Stockport residents who visit Bramhall. Flowers and plants add to the ambiance of the village and make it a more attractive place to visit and spend time. This includes people coming into Bramhall by foot, train, bus and car.

Our Group is successful and has become involved in the improvements of the infrastructure. We have improved the railway station in our role as Friends of Bramhall Station.

There is pride, camaraderie and community spirit in Bramhall and our work adds to this, benefiting all.

We plant in an environmentally way as possible and consider the wildlife when planning. Plants, where possible, are used in other spaces when the planters are changed for the seasons.

Our Group contributes to the sense of community within the village bringing together residents, retail and businesses in its care eg residents and shopkeepers assist with watering etc.

10(b) Are there any restrictions on who will benefit from the funding? No

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.

100 premium 1L geraniums for the 20 small planters (60cm x 20cm) Summer planting £320

Replanting four large planters (1M square) with lysomachia, bycopa and geraniums (Trailing and upright geraniums) Summer planting	£280
Replanting two long planters (1500mm x 500mm) matching the square planters for Summer	£150
Top up peat free compost in the six planters and new compost in the small planters	£100
Slow release feed and bone meal for all planters	£100
Six new bell trough planters 60cm x 20cm	£ 50

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

Total for the Summer planting in our eight large planters, 20 small planters and eight plots the cost will be £1,000.

Cost of Winter planting for the same spaces with polyanthus and winter pansies will be £700.

Plus 750 tete a tete bulbs will be £100 (200 in the small planters and 550 added in the plots)

Cost of the 30 holestars this year is £2888.

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

Woodford Park Garden Centre Notcutts sponsor our Elmsway and Village plot.

Last year a care home sponsored the Robins plot and will be approached again.

A Just Giving page gave us £1340 this month.

Other sources will need to be approached.

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?

From our Crowdfunding and Climate Action Now fund.

Transport for Greater Manchester Small Grants Fund for our work on the approaches to the station and on the platform.

Other sources will need to be approached eg other community schemes, care homes, shops and businesses. If no further monies can be accessed the Plantscape order will be reduced which would be a shame.

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

Start	Spring 2024
Finish	Autumn 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£250
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£750
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 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		£1,000

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: 11 March 2024

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