

## Stockport CAN Seed Fund Application

**Application number 90a26f17**

<b>Group name</b>	<b>Reddish Men In Sheds</b>
<b>Group description</b>	We are a group of (mainly) older men who meet to repair donated old bicycles. We sell these bicycles onto the community 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 to enable some children to have their very own bike who would not otherwise get an opportunity to cycle. We prevent a lot of old bikes from sitting unloved, unused and rusting; bikes that may otherwise go to waste or landfill.
<b>Funding requested</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Amount requested per ward</b>	£500 from Reddish North £500 from Reddish South
<b>Proposal details</b>	Our running costs are approx £13,500 per annum (rent, utilities etc) and we simply cannot generate anywhere near this from bike sales alone (approx £3,000 PA). Any funds, such as the one you are providing, allows us breathing space to continue to be able to provide this valuable service. With a secure future we can promote our group to encourage more members, draw in more bike donations and get more bikes to our local communities. Without such funding, we simply could not survive. This funding will go towards our quarterly rent bill which is £1,500. We aim to continue for years to come but the funding towards rent will be spent by the end of September 2024 as that is when our next rent bill arrives (and will probably coincide with the grant award, if we are successful).
<b>How will proposal tackle climate change and / or increase biodiversity</b>	It will allow us to take in more members and continue to tackle loneliness, isolation and inactivity among older men. The knock-on effects are numerous: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To help to protect our environment by providing an alternative, cheaper and greener form of transport</li> <li>- Bikes are saved from landfill</li> <li>- More people can access cycling (cheaply) thereby boosting their mental and physical health</li> <li>- Introducing children to the joys and benefits of cycling</li> <li>- Boosting our members' bike maintenance skills</li> </ul>
<b>How many people will benefit from proposal</b>	200
<b>Who will benefit from proposal</b>	We have 18 active members and thanks to a recent publicity drive numbers are increasing. We benefit the community, not only thorough bike sales/ donations to schools but also in getting unwanted bikes off people's hands - this amounts to an impact on a further 150+ people annually. We are increasingly well-known as a reliable source for bikes. We run three afternoons per week: our members know they have a welcoming place to go where they can be among friends and enjoy achieving a shared goal.