



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

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST.
MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS BRAMHALL

2. Organisation/Individual Address

PARISH OFFICE
St. Michael & All Angels Church
St. Michaels Avenue
Bramhall
STOCKPORT
SK7 2PG

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Dr

Name: Michael Anthony Holmes

Role: Trustee of the Parochial Church Council of St Michaels

Address:



Postcode:



Mobile Phone Number:



Email Address:



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4. Please provide your bank account detailsAccount 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Registered Charity
No. 1133883 | <input checked="" 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

Supporting and serving the local community, pastorally, religiously, and socially.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

Registered 2010 (previously excepted registration dating back to ~1910)

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.

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

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.

Between 27 September and 6 October 2024, we are hosting (in our church buildings, parish centre, and church gardens) a community arts festival, branded SPIRIT OF ART® (registered UK Trademark No. 3979537). This inclusive non-religious arts extravaganza will be the first of what will become an annual/biannual festival bringing together the local community, its businesses, and institutions. This year's launch will comprise a number of events and exhibitions including but not limited to: art exhibitions, art and photography workshops, organ recitals, choir and orchestra concerts, school and youth band performances, dancing and live music, talks/Q&As by fiction and non-fiction authors. The festival will showcase local, national, and internationally acclaimed artists and performers.

Inevitably there are certain start-up costs associated with such a unique and ambitious undertaking, in particular sound equipment, lighting equipment, staging, art exhibition display boards, and publicity materials, all of which are needed for the aforesaid events.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

All local residents, businesses, and institutions stand to benefit from the SPIRIT OF ART festival (be it as participating artists, volunteers, audience members, or local businesses enjoying increased footfall be it through collaboration or otherwise) and thus all will reap the rewards of grant funding that can be offered. A successful launch for this festival is key to unlocking future benefits that all may enjoy.

This inclusive and diverse festival caters for the interests of all ages and demographics and will attract a variety of individuals, families, and groups.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

On the basis of previous events hosted by Bramhall St Michaels, we conservatively estimate between 2,500 and 4,000 residents will directly benefit through attending one or more of the events during the festival. Evidence for such expectations is as follows:

- As per our 2018 annual report (no longer available online, but a copy is available on request), and as also indicated in our annual return (available online) filed with the charities commission on 26 April 2021, about 2,000 people attended our "Narnia" festival, which took place between 7-11 February 2018.
- As per our 2020 annual return (available online) filed with the charities commission on 26 April 2021, our 6 day "Wonderland Festival" (starting 30th January 2020) drew in "almost 3,000 people", well above the initial expectation of 2,500.
- As per our 2023 annual return (available online) filed with the charities commission on 12 July 2024, our "Oz Festival" (which ran in February 2023) also drew in "almost 3,000 people".

However, the wider community will benefit significantly from the opportunities such cultural and social occasions bring. The church is ideally placed to give residents across all three wards of the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area the opportunity to attend (the opportunity itself being a benefit) and, even those who can't/don't attend this time round will get the chance to benefit in future years given that this festival is set to become an annual/biannual event providing access to arts and culture at a local level for an ever increasing number of people as the festival grows and expands. A large number of participating local artists and performers (and their associated institutions, including local schools and colleges) stand to gain, as well as local businesses (especially those in the hospitality sector) which are expected to profit from increased footfall. As such, we forecast a decent number of indirect beneficiaries.

As this is the first festival of its kind, it is difficult to accurately estimate what the response will be, but we have deliberately arranged a wide range of events and activities in order to attract the widest possible audience from young to old. Our marketing and ticketing operations for this festival will be far more effective and sophisticated than for previous church festivals and will be furthermore boosted by the marketing capabilities and outreach of the local businesses and institutions with whom we have partnered. As such, our overall target for this year is 5,000 to 7,500 beneficiaries (including indirect beneficiaries) across the three wards of the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area. It is hoped, following this year's launch, the Spirit of Art festival will expand, geographically and in terms of content and beneficiaries, to become a cherished annual/biannual event bringing ever increasing local benefits.

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

No, there are no restrictions at all – the festival is an inclusive non-religious event open for all, be it as participants, volunteers, or attendees/audience.

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.

Item:	Estimated Costs (incl. VAT) £
Publicity – Banner/Leaflets etc.	600
Programmes (3 – 4 events)	400
Temporary Event Licensing	42
Hire of lighting/cost of purchase of lighting	1000
Hire of Sound System	500
DIY Money	300
Ticket desk	250
Display Boards for Art Exhibition	400
Additional cleaning costs	540
Refreshment Costs – initial outlay	1500

Costs associated with authors attendance	750
Additional Heating and Lighting costs Gas £6ph, Electricity £2.50ph total £8.50 ph	918
TOTAL COSTS	7200

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

About £7,200

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

None – our application to a now-defunct local levelling up fund is now effectively void

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 benefactors and general church funds

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

Start	1 August 2024
Finish	20 October 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"/>	2,000-3,000	£400
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2,000-3,000	£400
Cheadle Hulme South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000-1,500	£200
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			£

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: MICHAEL ANTHONY HOLMES

Signature:



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

Date: 19 July 2024

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