

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

NOMINATION FORM

This Nomination Form is for groups interested in nominating an asset for inclusion on the list of assets of community value.

Under the terms of the Localism Act, 2012 all Nominations under the Community Right to Bid must be provided in writing. The Regulations accompanying the Act specify the information required in a Nomination, so it is important that you answer all the questions in this form as fully as possible and provide additional information where appropriate. Incomplete nominations will not be assessed.

An online version of this form is also available on the Council website

You can contact the Council's Estate and Asset Management Team on 0161 218 1934 or EstateMGMT@stockport.gov.uk if you require advice or assistance before submitting your nomination.

PART A: INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSET

1. Identification of Asset

To help us identify the asset being nominated please provide as much information as possible: Type of Asset	Please circle Building Land
Title of the Asset	Cheadle Hulme Garden & Allotments Association
Address	Billys Lane Cheadle Hulme Stockport SK8 xx
Any further information	Please see attached. Appendix 1: Plan

2. Asset Owners

Please provide details about the existing occupants (if relevant) and names and current or last known address of all those holding a freehold or leasehold estate in the asset

Occupant / Freeholder / Leaseholder #1	
Name(s)	Mr Ian Bradley
Connection to the asset	Occupant / Chair
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Occupant / Freeholder / Leaseholder #2	
Name	Mr David Rawston
Connection to the asset	Occupant / Treasurer
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

Occupant / Freeholder / Leaseholder #3

Name	Ms Cheryl Biden
Connection to the asset	Occupant / Secretary
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

Occupant / Freeholder / Leaseholder #4

Name	Pat Stockton
Connection to the asset	Occupant / Committee Member
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

3. Community Value

Under the Community Right to Bid regulations, an asset is of community value if:

- It is at least partly within the local authority’s area
- Its main use (i.e. not ancillary) has recently been or is presently being used to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community and could reasonably do so in the future i.e. within the next 5 years
- It does not fall within one of the exemptions specified in Regulations

Information about what is exempted from this definition can be found here

Please provide reasons below why the asset you have identified qualifies as an asset of community value.

Please include, affix or provide links to any relevant supporting information.

Please see attached
Appendix 2: Cheadle Hulme Garden & Allotment Association

PART B: INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION

Nominations can be submitted by voluntary and community organisations with a local connection.

Relevant bodies include:

- a) Neighbourhood Forums
- b) Parish Councils
- c) Unincorporated bodies of 45 named members**
- d) A Charity
- e) Company Limited by Guarantee
- f) A society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefits Societies Act 2014
- g) Community Interest Company

Please provide information about the nominating organisation:	Cheadle Hulme Garden and Allotment Association (CHGAA)
Name of organisation	
Type of organisation	Unincorporated bodies of 45 named members
Proof of eligibility to make a community nomination	Please see attached Appendix 3: Proof of eligibility to make a community nomination

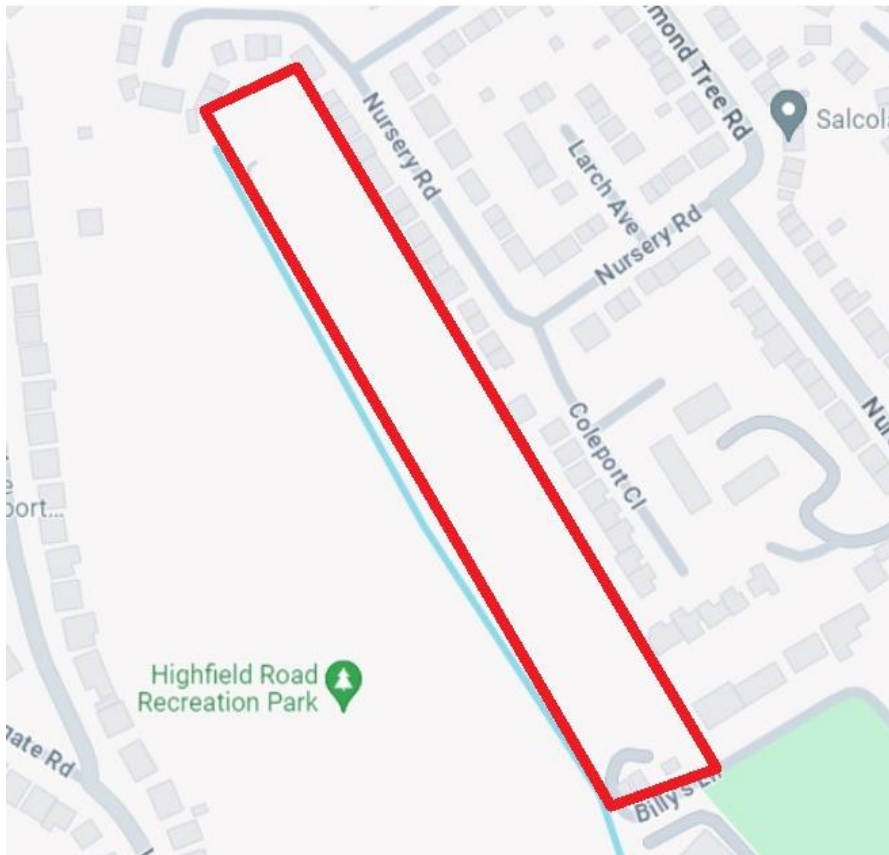
PART C: CONTACT DETAILS

We will need to contact you to respond to your application, please provide contact details for the person who is leading this Nomination.

Name:	Cheryl Biden
Address:	[REDACTED]
Telephone Number:	[REDACTED]
E-mail address:	[REDACTED]

When completed, please return this form to;
 Community Right to Bid
 Estate and Asset Management
 Stockport MBC
 2nd Floor Stopford House
 Piccadilly
 Stockport
 SK1 3XE
 Or e-mail to EstateMGMT@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix 1: Plan



Appendix 2: Cheadle Hulme Garden & Allotment Association

Cheadle Hulme Garden & Allotments Association (CHGAA) aka Billy's Lane Allotments are a statutory allotment site that has been in existence since 1919. We are a secluded site nestled at the bottom end of Billy's Lane, within walking distance of Cheadle Hulme village. We share boundaries with Greenbank School and Highfield & Heathbank Parks and several private homes.

We are the only statutory allotment site in Cheadle Hulme village, our nearest sites are some distance away in Held Green, Newbolt Allotments in Cheadle and Heathside Park in Cheadle Heath, off the M60.

We are an inclusive community with many young families on site enjoying the fresh air and learning how to grow fruit and veg. We have members who have held their plots since the 1970s. Our members like to bring relatives, extended family and friends to enjoy the peace and ambiance on site.

We are run by Cheadle Hulme Garden & Allotment Association, a group of volunteers who complete many of the management aspects of the site on behalf of Stockport M.B.C. and are bound by our constitution and rules. We normally hold our A.G.M. in February. All committee members & positions are re-elected on an annual basis. We also have an informal socials through out the year.

The site

Our site comprises of:

- 67 plots - (47 half plots, 14 quarter plots and 1 of non-uniform size, 4 raised bed plots for disabled access, 1 wildlife plot)
- On site carparking for 10 cars at both ends of the site
- Disabled Toilet & Washroom Facility
- Site Shop
- Site Communal Hut
- Site Communal Greenhouse
- Wildlife Plot
- Storage Container for site equipment

We currently have 106 individual plot holders and over 23 interested parties on the recently reopened waiting list (a circa 4-5 year wait based on current annual turnover). There is generally activity on site daily even in all weathers! Our members benefit from a water supply (switched off during winter period), disabled access toilet facilities, members communal hut and greenhouse, membership of Allotments Stockport and membership of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners. Our well-established shop supplies plot holders and members of the public and is open weekly stocking a wide variety of items for sale, from plant labels to various types of compost, and is open to the public on Sundays between 10:00 – 12:00 am.

Our site has controlled pedestrian and vehicular access from a set of secured gates (Billy's Lane). Each member has access via their own key.

We share the site with many wildlife inc foxes, frogs, cats and various bird species visiting the site regularly and house several large trees on our boundaries. Our site is along with the neighbouring Highfield Park is regularly surveyed by a local BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) Volunteer throughout the year. In Spring of 2024 we have converted a plot to a wildlife area which is used by the plot holders and links to local schools.

Allotment Benefits

Allotments have always been popular but since the pandemic the demand for a plot on our site has increased with an enquiry to register being received a few times a month. Allotments are not just a leisure activity but provide a great range of health benefits including:

- Social capital - combating loneliness.
- Mental wellbeing - case studies have shown gardening can prevent and/or alleviate mental ill health.
- Healthy activity - provide regular gentle exercise, maintain good gait and balance. It has also been shown to help with cognitive decline and an increase in vitamin levels.
- Fresh produce - allotment holders tend to have a greater variety of fresh fruits and vegetables in their diet.
- Sense of achievement.
- Contact with nature.

Further information on the benefits of allotments can be found here:

[A case-control study of the health and well-being benefits of allotment gardening](#)

["My little piece of the planet": the multiplicity of well-being benefits from allotment gardening](#)

[Urban dwellers yearn for 'Good Life' allotments](#)

[Benefits of Allotment Gardening](#)

Association Events

Our socials committee hold several annual events including:

- Annual Open Day
- Community Butty & Soup Mornings
- AGM

Community Involvement

The vibrancy and activity on site are beneficial for the health of our members and is also good for the local environment. We keep our members and other interested parties up to date through our on-site noticeboard AGM, Newsletter and Email Communications to our members via email.

A annual Open Day each summer open to the public. (since late 70's) to let our local community see the beauty and benefits of having an allotment as well as exchange advice and produce.

Charity donations from last years accounts from our Community days were £1,050 with plot holder nominated local charities benefiting.

Up until 2023 we supported the local flower show with a stall (since the 70's) usually have a pitch until the show sadly ceased one of the oldest shows in the district and supported the ownership of flower planters in Cheadle Hulme High street (more recently handed over to Regreening Cheadle Hulme, we still have links into the group as a plot holder is a member.)

We have established links with local schools supporting their curriculum activities, established links with Chelwood Food bank guiding them to establish their own on site allotment as well as donations to the food bank of plot holder surpluses periodically through the year.

A recent link with a GP from wider Stockport to allow a plot to become a greenspace for the practice usage and trial green prescriptions to qualifying residents.

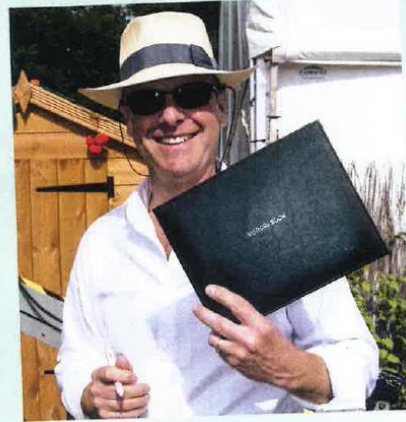
Green Flag Community Award Winners since 2019, last year we only one of thirteen plots in England, and only one of two in the North West region to achieve this accolade. Something that is generally won by regional councils and the likes of the Canal & River Trust who are organisations with greater funding and backing than our allotment site.

Below several photos below showing historical and current events

2014
Grand Opening of the Cabin
by
Professor Sir Francis
Graham Smith FRS
Former Astronomer Royal



**Celebrities Joe Swift And Bez at our
Allotment stand at the Tatton Show July
2016**



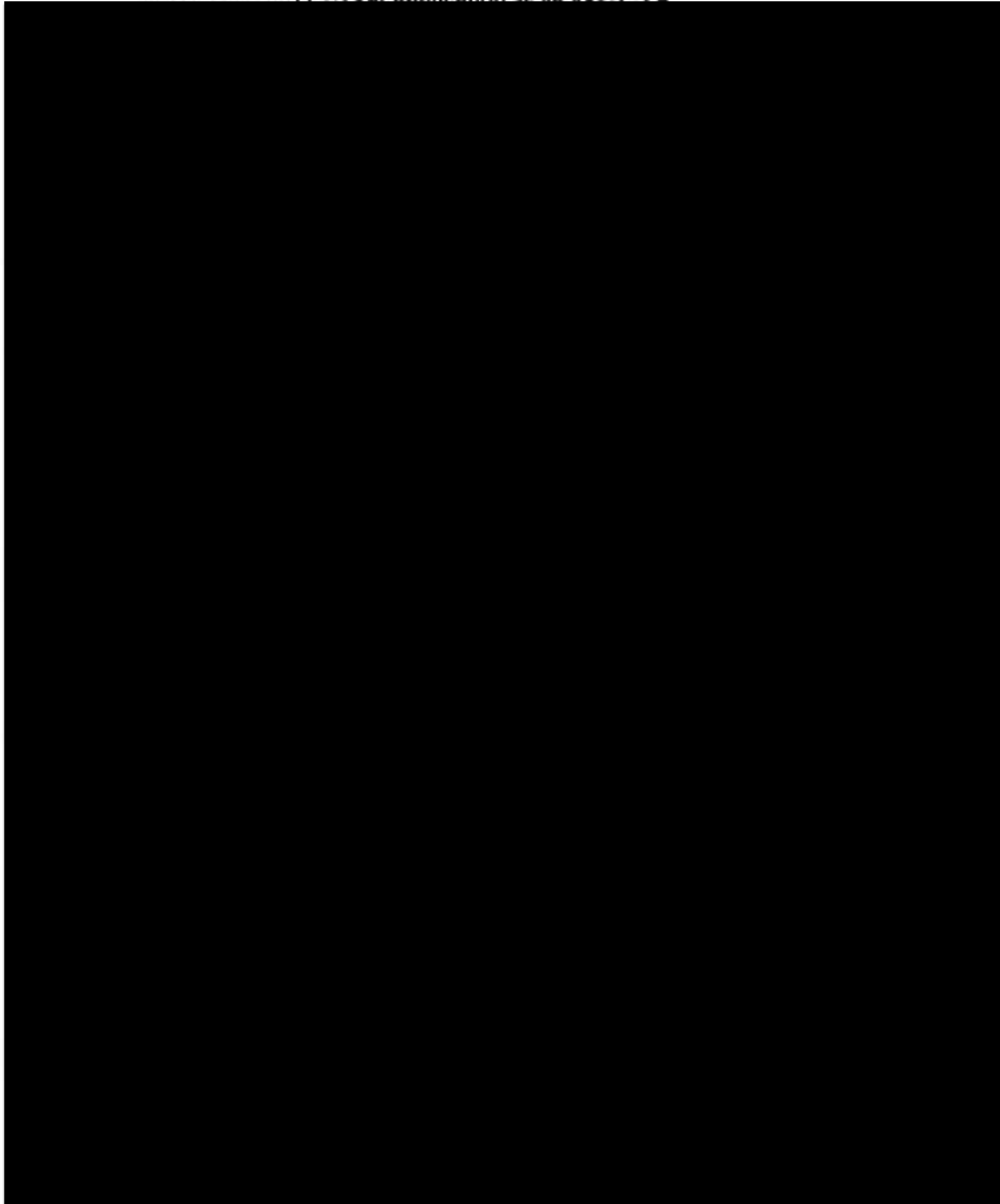




Our 4th Green Flag award presentation July 2023 we are currently awaiting to see if we have our 5th next month.

Appendix 3: Proof of eligibility to make a community nomination

If you wish to support our application as an Asset of Community Value



CHGAA: 2024 Application for Asset of Community Value

Cheadle Hulme Garden & Allotment Association 2024 Application for Asset of Community Value

