



# 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

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### 1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Heald Green Runners

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### 2. Organisation/Individual Address

Heald Green Village Hall  
Outwood Road  
Heald Green  
Cheadle  
SK8 3JL

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### 3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Dr

Name: James Gwinnutt

Role: Chairperson

Address: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Home Phone Number: NA

Mobile Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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#### 4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name: ██████████

Account Number: ████████

Sort Code: ████████

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#### 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"/> |                                  |                                     |

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#### 6. Please describe the main activities of your Organisation/ Group

Heald Green Runners is a local community running group, which organises free runs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting from Heald Green Village Hall. The club aims to promote exercise/sport and community spirit, with the downstream goal of improving the physical health and mental wellbeing of the residents of Heald Green + neighbouring areas (e.g. Handforth, Cheadle Hulme, Wythenshawe).

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#### 7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

Heald Green Runners was established in May 2023 in its current form.

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#### 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
- [To note: we are affiliated with England Athletics, which provides us with public liability insurance]

## 2. About Your Application

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### **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.*

The goal of Heald Green Runners is to provide a running club for local adult residents of Heald Green, Stockport, in order to encourage and enable exercise and community engagement in the form of regular running activities (Tuesday and Thursday evenings [6pm] + ad-hoc weekend activities). Through these running activities, the club will improve the physical health and mental wellbeing of residents. Furthermore, the club will promote community spirit and social cohesion by acting as a social and support network for residents, reducing social isolation.

In order to minimise potential barriers to participation and ensure as many people within Heald Green can take part in our club activities as possible, we currently do not charge a membership fee. This means we rely on funding applications to keep the club active.

One facility which ensures we can carry on running our club is affiliation with England Athletics. This affiliation provides public liability insurance, insurance for our committee members, and provides legitimacy and visibility for our club (e.g. we are included on England Athletics' "Find a Club" web application). Without this affiliation, we would be unable to carry on running the club without putting our committee at risk. We received grant funding to cover the 2024/2025 season, but will need to renew our affiliation in April 2025. Therefore, we are requesting funding to support this affiliation for the next 2 years, to allow our club to continue to remain active without membership fees.

As we approach the winter months, most of our activities will occur after sunset. We would like to provide high-visibility equipment for our members, to ensure their safety during winter and to make sure the earlier sunset does not discourage people from attending / participating. Therefore, we are requesting funding for a range of high-visibility running equipment to meet this need.

As a club, we attend many races across the area. Often, running clubs will have a free-standing flag to promote their club at these events. In order to promote greater awareness of Heald Green Runners, we would like to purchase a flag to display at local running events, in order to attract new members.

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### **10. Who will benefit from this grant?**

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

All local residents of Heald Green and surrounding areas who wish to take part in running activities can take part in our club training sessions. The only criterion is that members are 18 years or older, as we have yet to set-up a youth section of the club.

### 10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

Currently, we have 33 active members in our community WhatsApp group. As we are the only local running club in Heald Green, we estimate there are approximately 8500 adults in Heald Green who could potentially take part (based on 2021 Census data). Our members also come from areas such as Cheadle Hulme (approx. 18,000 adults) and Handforth (approx. 8000 adults), meanings there are approximately 34,500 adults who could potentially benefit from the running club.

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

The only restriction is that members are adults (aged 18 year or over). Other than that, there is no restriction on membership.

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### 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.*

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

Item	Cost per unit (£)	Quantity	Total cost (£)
Affiliation to England Athletics	205	2	410
High visibility running vests with LEDs	14.99	5	74.95
Reflective wrist bands (packs of 8)	7.99	2	15.98
Clip on lights (packs of 3)	13.99	5	69.95
Flag	100	1	100
		<b>Sum total</b>	670.88

#### 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

We were successful in our application to the "Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust Fund" in April 2024. We included in this application funds to cover England Athletics affiliation for 2024/2025, branded summer running vests for our members, and funds towards promotional materials (leaflets / flag). We still have a small portion of this budget available, which we will also put towards the flag (see below)

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

The sum total: £670.88

#### 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?

We have approximately £100 available from our previous successful grant application (Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust Fund) which was earmarked to support purchasing club promotional material. We plan to use the remaining funds from the previous grant + additional funding from the current budget, if successful, to purchase a club flag (cost = approximately £200)

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

Start: Winter gear + flag – ASAP (e.g. December 2024, January 2025)

Finish: England Athletics affiliation (April 2025 and April 2026), which will see our club's affiliation funded through to March 2027.

### 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
<b>Bramhall &amp; Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee</b>		
Bramhall North	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Cheadle Hulme South	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
<b>Central Stockport Area Committee</b>		
Brinnington & Stockport Central	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Edgeley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
<b>Cheadle Area Committee</b>		
Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Cheadle West & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Heald Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£670.88
<b>Heatons &amp; Reddish Area Committee</b>		
Heatons North	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Heatons South	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Reddish North	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Reddish South	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
<b>Marple Area Committee</b>		
Marple North	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Marple South & High Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
<b>Stepping Hill Area Committee</b>		

Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Norbury & Woodsmoor	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	£

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**Werneth Area Committee**

Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£

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**Totals** £670.88

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: James Gwinnutt

Signature: .....

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



Date: 20-Nov-2024