

Stockport CAN Seed Fund Application

Application number 582d6538

Group name	The Friends of Abney Hall Park Group
Group description	We are a voluntary group that organises regular litter picks within Abney Park. We also campaign to improve the infrastructure of the park. Last year we successfully bid for COVID Memorial funding to install 7 wooden nature carvings in the park. We have also been pruning and reinvigorating the community orchard. In 2024 we were guided by the Manchester Fruit Tree Coop, partners of Stockport Council.
Funding requested	£655
Amount requested per ward	£400 from Cheadle East and Cheadle Hulme North ward allocation £255 from Cheadle West & Gatley ward allocation
Proposal details	We would like to release funds which will cover the costs for 4 more half days of pruning delivered by Manchester Fruit Tree Coop. They are real experts in fruit tree maintenance, and Daniel is an excellent tutor to empower our group to prune in future years. We would also like the funding for the purchase of a wheelbarrow which is to be used for distributing woodchip to provide mulching around the fruit trees. This work will continue to improve and future proof the community orchard for all.
How will proposal tackle climate change and / or increase biodiversity	Any improvements to the community orchard will improve local biodiversity. It will enable larger harvests of fruit throughout the summer and autumn, which provides more food to the local community. It also provides more food for local wildlife to forage and support localised food chains and biodiversity. The pruning sessions enable all the volunteers who attend to learn more skills in the art of fruit tree maintenance.
How many people will benefit from proposal	4,000
Who will benefit from proposal	The entire community will benefit from this grant as anyone who walks through Abney Park orchard will be able to enjoy the fruits of our labour! The maintenance will also make the orchard a more pleasant place to sit and reflect which is excellent for mental health.