



Community Fund

Annual Report 22/23



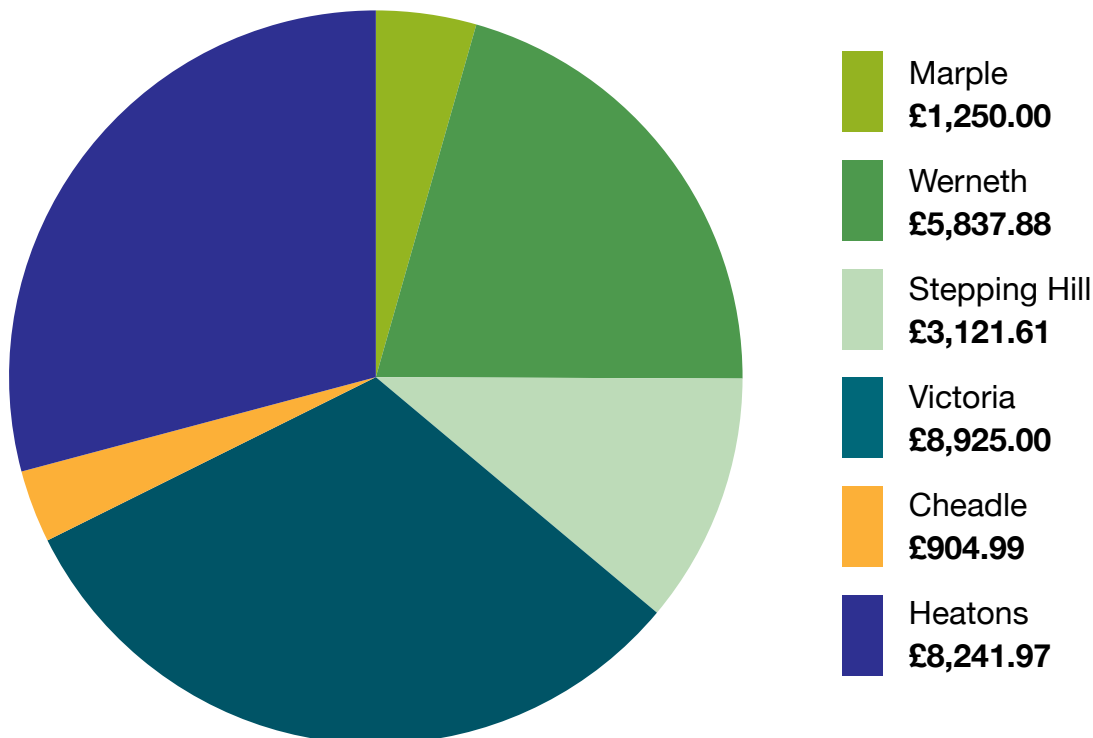
The Difference the Fund Made in 2022/23

The SKy|light Community Fund supports projects which make a difference to the lives of Stockport Homes' customers and the wider community.

With an annual budget of £50,000, local groups can apply for up to £2,000 to support projects and activities that benefit their local area.

Between April 2022 and March 2023, the SKy|light Community Fund Customer Panel awarded £46,756.36 to 32 local groups in Stockport.

How the fund was awarded by area



Some of the groups and activities made possible by the fund

FAME (Family Association for Mottram Estate), Central

Awarded £1,971

This fund was granted to support the running of family fun events across the year at Summer, Halloween, Christmas, and Easter. An average of 50 people attended each event, with their Christmas event being the best attended. The Community Fund contributed towards food, resources for crafts and games, entertainment, and Public Liability Insurance.

“We love coming to your events, we always have the best time. The atmosphere is lovely, and we feel welcome”



Jubilee Celebrations: Marking a moment in history

AutiSK - Victoria

Ran a 'Community Fun Day' at Adswood Young Peoples' Centre. The Community Fund supported the event with music, decorations, venue hire, activities, and volunteer expenses.

High Lane Residents Association - Marple

Delivered two Jubilee events across the year, featuring performances from the Hawk Green Brass Band and the U3A Choir. The celebrations included tea, cakes, raffles, and quizzes, with the Village Hall decorated for the special occasion. The events not only celebrated the Jubilee but brought over 100 residents in the community together to help tackle social isolation.



Active Communities Experiences – Victoria

Ran their own celebrations with contributions from the Community Fund to purchase gazebos, music, staff costs and security.

Claytime Stockport, Heatons

Awarded £250

This award funded resources, equipment, and travel expenses for their clay-moulding sessions from June to December 2022. Working with variety of groups within the community, these sessions supported attendees with self-expression: creatively and collaboratively.

Offerton Community Kitchen, Stepping Hill

Awarded £1,991.61

Offerton Community Kitchen hosted a variety of activities and events, including their coffee mornings, community café, Senior Shindig and Christmas Market. These events provide fun for care home residents and the socially isolated. The Community Fund contributed to room hire, entertainment, and food.

Art Attack Youth Group, Heaton Norris & Lancashire Hill

Awarded £1,920

The Youth Group ran a 16-week programme of creative activities for the young people of Heaton Norris and Lancashire Hill, including stitching, painting, filming, recording and a trip to the theatre. The project provides a safe space for the community and recognises the skills of young people across the area.

Culture Bridge Manchester, Boroughwide

Awarded £2,000

With their award, they delivered five art and music workshops at Stockport Central Library. 15 to 20 young people attended each session with their parents. The project encouraged creative learning, confidence-building, social connection, and physical activity in a multi-cultural space.

Electronic Keyboard Music Group, Hazel Grove

Awarded £1,130

This funded 35 social music-making sessions at Wesley Street Methodist Church. Bringing a group of older people together, the project aims to reduce isolation that can be faced by people in the elderly community.

Community Fund Case Studies

Stockport Pride: 31st July 2022

Since 2017, [Stockport Pride](#) has brought the community together in celebrating and promoting equality, inclusion, and LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer) rights in one of the biggest events of the year. Organised in collaboration with organisations including Stockport LGBT+ Plus and Stockport Forward LGBT+, the event is attended by over a thousand people across the borough.

Stockport Pride were awarded £1,973 of the SKylight Community Fund to support their 2022 event, for publicity, volunteer resources, the delivery of free basic First Aid Training by St John's Ambulance, and performers including Rowetta (Happy Mondays) and Nathaniel J Hall.

Catering to Stockport's diverse community, [Stockport LGBT+ PLUS Spectrum](#) ran a quiet space, while [Proud 2 b Parents](#) hosted a family space. There were an additional 42 non-profit organisations promoting their services.

The celebration was a huge success, with approximately 2,000 people attending, and 750 members taking part in the parade: an all-time high.

[Video here](#)

Stockport Pride will be taking place this year on 30th July 2023. For more information, or to purchase tickets, you can view [Stockport Pride's website here](#).

Rainbow Roofs supports LGBTQ+ customers in the Northwest in partnership with HouseProud. For information or to get involved, please visit our website [here](#).



Community Fund Case Studies

Webb Lane Allotments

Safe, Secure, Better

Webb Lane Allotments has been well established for many years. During the last 12 months, the new committee have been busy transforming the space into a thriving allotment with opportunities for the wider community to get involved.

Webb Lane have worked in partnership with a variety of agencies and successfully applied for funding to transform the facilities. Their main successes are installing new kitchen and disabled toilet facilities and using the revitalised space to host a coffee morning bringing the local community together.

They were successful with their first SKylight Community Fund bid in 2022 to purchase wider and more secure gates to the entrance of the allotments. They wanted the space to look more inviting to visitors but also be big enough and accessible for deliveries and to residents with limited mobility.

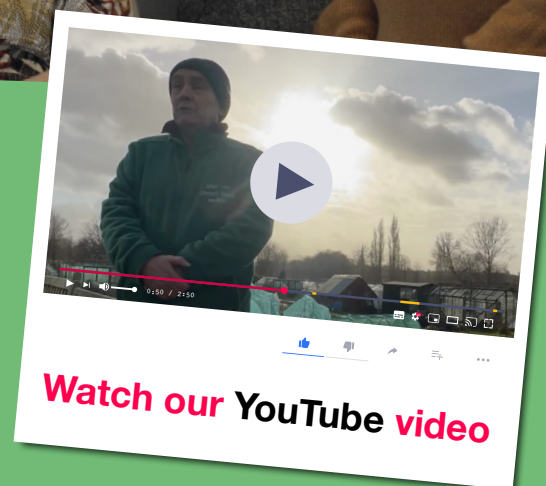
As a result of the success from their bid and involvement with Stockport Homes' Customer Engagement Team, Mike Rogers the Chair of Webb Lane has now become a panel member for the community fund. He enjoys being part of the panel as it has given him a wider knowledge of community groups within Stockport and ideas for the committee to deliver at the allotment. This has led the group to apply for the Warm Space Fund at Stockport Council to provide a space and physical activities to residents within the local area.

If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Mike Rodgers on 07930 189 396





SKylight Community Fund Customer Panel



Eligible bids are put forward to our SKylight Community Fund Customer Panel who ultimately decide how the fund is spent. Panel members bring skills and experience from their own community work.

You could be our next Community Fund Panel Member. We are currently looking for....

- People aged 18+
- Who live in Stockport and have experience of volunteering in their local community.
- Have a genuine interest in community work in Stockport.
- That are happy to take part in a minimum of two panel meetings per year, either online or in person.
- Are willing to attend training that will support you in your role.

Email us at customer.engagement@stockporthomes.org for more information or register your interest using our [online form](#).

FUNDING THE FUTURE

A MEET THE FUNDER EVENT



Our Funding the Future is an annual event which provides a great opportunity for local groups and organisations to meet with a range of funders. 70 local groups attended the event in 2022 with some taking part in 'Ready, Steady, Bid' accessing support from our Customer Engagement Officers to develop and submit their bid to the SKYlight Community Fund on the day.

**Funding the Future will take place on
September 15th, 2023**

**If you would like to attend then please contact our
Funding Officer, Mark Rogers, to reserve your place at
funding.info@stockporthomes.org**

Sector3

Sector 3 are the charity infrastructure support network for voluntary, community and faith-based groups, social enterprises and charitable organisations in Stockport. For more information visit www.sector3sk.org

If you would like to talk to us about the SKYlight Community Fund, please contact the Customer Engagement Team at community.fund@stockporthomes.org

If you're ready to make your application, please go to www.sk-y-light.org/community-fund/ for more information and to find out when the fund is next accepting bids