

# SKYlight Community Fund

<b>Volunteer Role</b>	Community Fund Grant Panel Member
<b>Administered by</b>	Customer Engagement Team, Stockport Homes
<b>Location</b>	Online or in person at Cornerstone, or other venues in Stockport
<b>Remuneration</b>	We pay reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in line with Stockport Homes' Customer Expenses Policy.

## SKYlight

SKYlight is a Community Benefit Society established in 2018 to benefit people living in Stockport and to help transform the lives of our customers and local communities. SKYlight is a subsidiary of Stockport Homes Group (SHG).

## SKYlight Community Fund

SKYlight oversees the Community Fund which aims to help improve and sustain neighbourhoods within Stockport. The Fund supports projects that genuinely make a difference to the lives of Stockport Homes' customers and the wider community.

## The Community Fund Grant Panel

The purpose of the Community Fund Grant Panel is to make decisions regarding the award of grants to local groups who have applied to the Community Fund.

The Panel is currently made up of six people and we are looking for new members to join us.

Mike joined the Panel after meeting one of our Customer Engagement Officer's and his interest stems from his work with a local Community Allotment. Mike said about being on the panel; *"I enjoy hearing all the fantastic projects that are going on and being part of the process to be able to help those that we think will bring the best benefit to Stockport Homes tenants and the local communities"*



## Community Fund Panel Member, Mike Rogers

It is important to ensure that the voice of people living in communities across Stockport is evident in decision making when determining which groups will receive funds. As a grant panel member, you will be responsible for awarding grants of up to £2,000 from an annual pot of £50,000.

Panel meetings are arranged and convened by Stockport Homes Group Officers, who also oversee the general administration of the fund. The role of the Grant Panel Members is to review and agree which groups should receive a grant.

## What the Role Involves

As a Grant Panel member your main responsibilities will be:

- To prepare in advance for the panel meeting by reading and initially scoring grant applications against the fund's criteria.

- Attending panel meetings to discuss the bids received and agree how funds will be awarded. Panel meetings may be online or in person and usually last up to a maximum of 3 hours, dependent on the number of bids received per round. The Panel meets a minimum of twice per year.
- Treat all proceedings of meetings as confidential.
- Participate in an annual review with Officers to ensure that the Community Fund is relevant and accessible to civil society groups operating in Stockport.
- Support the promotion of the Community Fund through contributing to marketing materials and attending events as required.
- Attend any required training that will support you in your role.

### **Desired Skills and Personal Qualities of a Grant Panel Member:**

We welcome applications from anyone who lives in Stockport. Ideally, we would like to hear from people with the below, however this is not essential:

- A general interest in community work in Stockport.
- The ability to communicate clearly and the confidence to discuss issues in a committee environment.
- A willingness to engage positively and to challenge constructively where necessary.
- Respect for opinions that differ or conflict with your own personal viewpoint.
- An understanding of and commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion.

### **What Will I Gain from this Role?**

There are many benefits to being a Community Fund Grant Panel Member. These include:

- Meeting with other people with a shared interest in supporting local communities within Stockport.
- Making a positive contribution, helping to transform the lives of people in Stockport and our communities.
- Learning about the diverse range of groups and activities in Stockport
- Developing valuable skills and experience that could enhance your CV or help to secure other volunteering roles or gain employment.
- Gain an understanding of the management of a grant programme.
- Access to further training opportunities including accredited qualifications such as the Level 2 NCFE Participation qualification.

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## **Applying for this vacancy**

If you believe you are eligible to be a panel member, please contact us for an application pack by sending an email to

 **community.fund@stockporthomes.org**

For further information or an informal discussion please contact the Customer Engagement Team at [Community.fund@stockporthomes.org](mailto:Community.fund@stockporthomes.org) or call us on 07890 042 417