



## **Another successful year for Stockport Hydro Ltd as 17 local projects benefit from the 2020 Environmental Challenge Award**

Representatives of the projects will receive their awards at 2:00pm on Friday 13th March 2020 at Stockport Hydro at Otterspool on the River Goyt. This year the fund, created by the sale of renewable energy and donations by members, has been increased to £3,970.

Awards will be presented to:

- Alexandra Park Primary School, Edgeley; to help a nurture garden within the school.
- Rose Hill Primary School, Marple; equipment to expand the allotment and wildlife area
- Hatton Hill Top Sanctuary, Heaton Norris; tools and supplies to support wildlife walks.
- Walthew House, Shaw Heath; planters, pots and compost for a sensory planting party.
- Friends of Marple Memorial Park; replacing aged bird and bat boxes
- Dial Park Primary School, Offerton; cameras, wind chimes and feeders for forest garden
- Friends of Etherow; storage bench for bird food and seating.
- Great Moor Junior School; support for an artist working with children on conservation.
- Woodley & Romiley Towpath Team; materials and equipment to enhance the path.
- Friends of Scholes Park, Gatley; signs and notices to encourage use of play areas.
- St Mary's CE Primary School, South Reddish; provision of raised vegetable beds.
- 1st Marple Scout Group; items and equipment to support environmental activities.
- MESS; contribution to publicity for energy saving strategy event.
- Warren Wood Primary School, Offerton; tools and equipment for forest school
- Sustainable Living in the Heaton; tree-surgeon to position bird and bat boxes
- Marple Sports Club; materials for workshops and improving water storage
- Friends of Tangshutt, Romiley; equipment to trap and study moths and wildlife.

Stockport Hydro is run entirely by volunteers and produces power that is fed directly into the National Grid. This creates an income that maintains the scheme, pays a return to investors and the Environmental Challenge fund. Over the anticipated 40-year life of the project, the scheme expects to save over 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Address; Stockport Hydro at Otterspool Weir, Mill Lane, Romiley, Stockport SK6 3LQ

Parking:

Please note: **There is no parking on the site.** Parking is available at Dobbies Garden Centre, across Dooley Lane or Vale Road Car Park, 5 minutes' walk away and safest place to cross the road. See <https://carparkmaps.co.uk/carparks/view/13143>

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#### 1. Note to Editors:

Stockport Hydro Limited is an Industrial and Provident Society established for the benefit of the community. The Society was incorporated on 7 April 2010, with registered number 30943R, and its registered office is 1 Crown Street, Marple, Stockport, SK6 7JH. [www.stockport-hydro.co.uk](http://www.stockport-hydro.co.uk)

2. Although fully funded, Stockport Hydro continued to accept investment to allow debt to be paid down and benefit returned to the local community more quickly. The offer of shares has now been closed, however, the prospectus can be found at [stockporthydro.co.uk](http://stockporthydro.co.uk) for information only. A limited number of shares may still become available to those wishing to take an active part in running the scheme; anyone interested should email us to register an interest.

3. Stockport Hydro was created in association with Water Power Enterprise. It is a Community Interest Company - a social enterprise - limited by shares.

4. In addition to shareholder equity, Stockport Hydro was supported by loans from the Keyfund and from Charity Bank. These loans have now been paid back.

5. Construction was completed in 2012 and since October that year the plant has generated over 1.5 GWh of power. Accredited by the Environment Agency, and approved to receive the Government's Feed-in-Tariffs, it was expected to return a profit within 3 years and this has been achieved. Investors receive interest on their investment and money is assigned each year to local community environmental projects.