

## Update from Stockport Council to Sector 3 bulletin – 18<sup>th</sup> May

### Reported rates of Covid are fluctuating within the borough.

Rates are now at 98.5 per 100,000 population: around 41 people per day. However, this rate will be an underestimate in cases as free testing is no longer available to most people. Vaccines remain our best defence against the virus.

Stockport Council have extended the pop-up vaccination clinic at One Stockport Hub, in the former Argos store in Merseyway to the end of May: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9.30am to 5pm, and Saturday, 9.30am to 3.30pm for eligible cohorts aged 12 plus. This is for the Covid 19 spring booster programme and anyone who has not yet had a first or second vaccination or booster. [Spring boosters](#) are available for those aged [over 75](#), care home residents and the most [vulnerable immunocompromised](#) aged over 12.

In addition, [children aged between 5 and 11](#) are also invited to get their first Covid vaccine at the One Stockport Hub from 9 am to 1pm on Saturdays. No appointment is necessary. Also, 5 to 11 years olds can book a vaccination every Sunday, from 8 May, from 9 to 6pm, at Trinity Methodist Church, 351 Bramhall Lane, Bramhall, SK3 8TP. Appointments must be booked in advance, as the clinic is not accepting walk-in appointments for children of this age, via the [national booking website](#), or call 119 free of charge.

If you can't make it to one of the pop-ups, GPs in Brinnington, Bramhall, Cheadle Hulme, Hazel Grove, High Lane, Marple and Reddish are inviting all their eligible patients aged 75+. Vaccinations are also being offered by some pharmacies and you can book your appointment via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119.

Walk-in and booked appointments clinic are also available at Trinity Methodist Church, 351 Bramhall Lane, SK3 8TP, from Tuesday to Saturday, 9am to 6pm, and every Sunday, 9am to 3pm.

Full details of places to get a vaccination in Stockport, including many options available without prior booking, are on the [CCG website](#).



### Stockport celebrates The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

With Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee just on the horizon, Stockport is gearing up for the celebrations with a packed programme of events. Amongst other things, there will be a beacon lit on 2<sup>nd</sup> June in line with a National Beacon Lighting programme in the marketplace in Stockport town centre. There will also be a host of activities around the town centre and Underbanks over the weekend, including Stockport's worst kept secret – the Secret Party – on 4<sup>th</sup> June, featuring DJ Clint Boon among others.

Libraries and museums will be hosting activities throughout the week including a Jubilee trail and a Jubilation Station, which will collect residents' stories from The Queen's 70 year reign to be turned into a special commemorative book.

Plus, there's free parking in all council-owned car parks and on-street parking across the whole of the Bank Holiday period, from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June!

Keep an eye on the council's newsroom for more information to be added regularly, or click [here](#) for a flavour of what's to come.



### **Accessible online support**

Thursday 19 May is Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD). GAAD is a yearly celebration to get everyone talking, thinking, and learning about digital access and inclusion, to support the one billion people worldwide with a disability/impairment.

Every user deserves a first-rate digital experience on the web. Someone with a disability must be able to experience web-based services, content and other digital products with the same successful outcome as those without disabilities.

Stockport Council aim to help as many people as possible to be able to use their website. They've made the website text as simple as possible to understand. They've also added the **Recite Me** tool to change the way you view and move around the website to support everyone with visual and nonvisual disabilities. Find it at the top of every web page using the 'Accessibility' link.

The DigiKnow network of community groups, organisations and volunteers help people in Stockport get online and improve their digital skills. To find help call the DigiKnow Helpline on 07724 217888 or visit Stockport Council's [Help doing things online](#) web-pages.



### **Devices and data for people on low income from DigiKnow**

People on a low income can borrow a laptop, tablet or smartphone for free from the DigiKnow Device Lending Library. Free data (sim cards) are also available from the National Databank. Contact James at Starting Point for details of either offer. Call 0161 494 9947 or 077724 217888 or email [james@startpoint.org.uk](mailto:james@startpoint.org.uk).

Community Computers are reducing the cost of refurbished devices throughout May, to further support people living on low income who are struggling to get online:

- Laptops from £79 (usual price £99)
- Desktop PCs from £59 (usual price £69)

To buy a low-cost device, call 0161 476 2777 or visit [Renewal North West](#) in Shaw Heath.

The ConnectingU Device Program announced by AbilityNet and supported by Lenovo will see 300 digital devices and support made available to anyone struggling to access any digital service. Recipients must be UK-based and over the age of 50, or UK-based disabled people over 18 years of age. For more information and to apply please visit: <https://abilitynet.org.uk/news-blogs/free-lenovo-devices-connectingu-scheme>.

### Invitation to join the GM=EqAI Working Group

The [GM Equality Alliance Working Group](#) are looking to recruit up to ten additional members to ensure they have even coverage of the ten GM localities, and people who can advocate for all of Greater Manchester's most underserved and marginalised communities.

**Please help spread the word and feel free to nominate anyone you think might be interested.**

We are looking for people who:

- Have an in-depth understanding of particular disadvantaged communities within Greater Manchester
- Have the ability or potential to contribute to high level meetings, and to share the views and needs of the communities they represent
- Enjoy working collaboratively and collectively to contribute to an intersectional understanding of power and inequality
- Appreciate the value of strategic policy influencing work, as one means of achieving long term change at GM level
- Are connected into other local or GM groups and networks
- Can commit to a monthly 2-hour daytime meeting and to spending up to 2 more hours a month on GM=EqAI tasks

We would encourage anyone with the above interests to apply, even if their main areas of expertise coincide with those of the existing members. However, our priority areas for recruitment (due to lower current representation) are: **Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport, Tameside and Trafford**, as well as people with strong links to anti-poverty work, disabled people, young people, older people, carers, the criminal justice system and homelessness. We are always seeking new members from communities experiencing racial inequalities.

A bursary of £750 a year is available to those who would otherwise face financial barriers to getting involved in work outside of their organisation.

If you would like to suggest someone, please contact [hannah.berry@gmcvo.org.uk](mailto:hannah.berry@gmcvo.org.uk). If you would like to be considered yourself, please complete [this form](#) by **Monday 30th May**. The Steering Group will meet as a decision panel in early June.



#STAMPOUTSTIGMA 2022  
COMPETITION FOR UNDER 18S

HOW DO YOU LOOK AFTER YOUR  
MENTAL HEALTH?

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keep calm.*

THE SOS CAMPAIGN AND  
COMPETITION TO WIN £50  
AMAZON VOUCHERS

SIMPLY CREATE A PICTURE TO  
SHOW HOW YOU TAKE CARE OF  
YOUR OWN EMOTIONAL AND  
MENTAL HEALTH

drawing,  
painting,  
photography,  
arts and  
crafts and  
more can be  
submitted!

Submit work:  
SOS@beacon-counselling.org.uk  
Include: Name, Age & School  
Deadline: 12th JUNE 2022

## Stamp Out Stigma Competition

Beacon Counselling have extended the deadline for the Stamp Out Stigma Competition until 12th June and are welcoming visual entries from Stockport's children and young people to show how they look after their own mental health and wellbeing.

Submissions will be used to support the Stamp Out Stigma Campaign which promotes youth voices on mental health in Stockport and winning entries will win Amazon Vouchers up to £50. Beacon Counselling working with Stockport Council this year to promote the competition and a chosen winning entry will also receive the opportunity to work with a professional designer to help use their content to promote mental health support across the borough of Stockport.

Find out more at: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/news/creative-competition-stampoutstigma-now-open-for-stockports-young-people>

## Join the first green communities network meeting to tackle climate change

Stockport Climate Action Now and Sector3 invite you to join the first meeting of the green communities network in Stockport.

Date: **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 5:30 – 7:00pm**

Venue: Cornerstone (Stockport Homes), 2 Edward Street, SK1 3NQ / Hybrid

[Register on Eventbrite here.](#)

At the meeting there will be discussion on how everyone would like a network to run, what skills people can contribute, and what learning and opportunities people would like to see being offered.

Please share the Eventbrite to your contacts and wider networks. Everyone is welcome – whether you are well experienced in climate action or you want to find out more about taking your first steps. Please note that the event is hybrid so if you can't make it in-person, you are welcome to drop in online.

As a reminder, there is funding available for community groups and organisations who are taking action to tackle climate change. Visit the [Stockport CAN Fund website](#) to find out more.



## Can you help support StockSport on Sunday 26 June from 9am - 10pm

We are looking for people to help by volunteering for a couple of hours

Roles include:

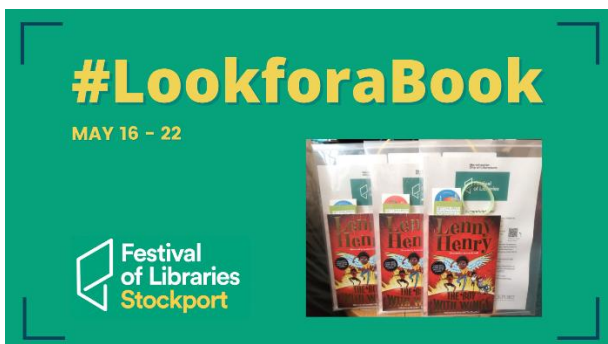
- Handing out water and prizes to the racers and to marshal crossing points.
- Help to set up and pack up the event village spaces.

To register your interest here <https://lifeleisure.jotform.com/220442558481860>

We would also love to get teams competing in the running festival, as there is a run for everyone. Choose from a family friendly 'My First Mile' race to a 5k or 10k chip timed race. There is a discounted entry fee for corporate teams and medals for all.

Sign up today at <https://stocksport.niftyentries.com/StockSport-2022>

For more information on what's happening on the day visit [www.stocksport.live](http://www.stocksport.live)



## Stockport Libraries Look for a book competition

Stockport Libraries are hiding 50 book packs in parks and public spaces with Lenny Henry's new book *The Boy with Wings* between 16-22 May. Find a book and you are entered in a prize draw to meet the author!

Clues on where to look go out each day are on Library social media. Follow them on Facebook

[@stockportlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/stockportlibraries)

and Twitter [@SMBC\\_Libraries](https://twitter.com/SMBC_Libraries) for your chance to take part!