



Play streets kit fund 2024

Play Street Sport England kit fund – each kit worth around £180!

We have some funding from Sport England for play and road closure kits to support play street related activity in areas which face disadvantage and/or additional barriers to playing out. This fund is available to small groups, individuals and any size of organisation.

To qualify for access to the funded kit you must be working in an area where there is additional need, where you are supporting play streets in communities who might not normally access the opportunity and/or where there is no other funding available for kit e.g. via the council. The specific barriers communities face may be relating to disadvantage, societal inequality or poverty but we are open to your definitions of 'additional need', according to your local circumstances.

We will ask you to say how many streets you can support, and (depending on demand) we will grant you kit for a specific number of streets.

For each street, you will receive the following kit*:

- 2 x legal Road Closed signs (see types below) - the kit does not include cones, these will need to be sourced elsewhere.
- 1 x small green “[Road Open For Play](#)” sign
- 1x [play street kit bag](#) (also available on it's own)

There are two different types of kit packages available, depending on what your Local Authority will accept so please check with them before ordering:

[Type 1 = Flexible banner style signs \(as well as road open for play sign and a kit bag with chalk etc\)](#)

[Type 2 = Rigid cone mounted signs \(as well as road open for play sign and a kit bag with chalk etc\)](#)

***Don't need road closure kit, but would like play street kit bags only?**

You are welcome to apply for play street kit bags only, if you don't need to close a road, or if you already have road closure kit. The application will allow you to select this option.

We want the application and reporting to be as straight forward as possible, whilst also giving us the information we need. This way we can support you to put your efforts into making more change happen for more people where you live. Please find further information below, and any questions please do get in touch with us hello@playingout.net

What is the funding for?

- To help you get play streets started or grow them in a new area. This could be simply playing out and encouraging others to do so, or it could be used to work towards a more supportive [council policy](#). E.g. running pilot play streets to showcase the beneficial impacts of play streets and gather support within the council.
- To help you connect with new communities where play streets might not otherwise happen due to residents facing additional challenges. These might be related to societal inequality in

various ways (e.g., income, health, housing, communities who experience racism or special educational needs etc).

How much kit can a group get?

If applying for road closure kit and play street kit bags, you can apply for between 1 and 5 kits, worth up to £800 in total. If you wish to apply for play street kit bags only (not road closure kit), you can apply for up to 10 kits. Then depending on how much interest we get we will allocate as many kits as we can.

What outcomes might the funded kit contribute to?

The funding could help contribute to any of the following in your area:

- More play streets and children playing out generally
- More play streets in areas with additional challenges
- Pilot play streets to be used to argue for an established play streets policy
- Increased interest in play streets in a previously inactive area

Applying

Please [complete the application form here](#) and get in touch with hello@playingout.net if you have any questions. We need brief answers and will ask for more info if needed. If for any reason a written application is a difficult, let us know, and we can talk to you instead by phone or Zoom.

Reporting

At the end of the funding period (roughly Autumn 2024) we will ask for some simple information about what you did and achieved.

We are interested in learning about:

- Any barriers to play streets you encountered or were working to overcome
- Any benefits you saw as a result of what you did
- Anything new you tried (e.g. different playing out model, new approach etc).
- Types of support you gave and any learning from that process
- What extra or other types of support would be useful in the future to grow play streets

The ways that we will collect this information are:

1. A short survey to complete
2. A minimum of 3 x photos with permissions, showing how the kits were used

We are also keen to see any additional photos, film clips (with permissions), or quotes demonstrating the benefits, during or at the end of the funding period. This will help us inspire more community action elsewhere so more children can play out.

Other support available

We offer free webinars and trainings throughout the year – [check here](#), and join our [mailing list](#) or follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to be kept up to date.

Alongside the kit (or even without it) Playing Out can offer other practical support around: your plans; any media work; finding other funding; formalising your local group and more.

We have support for professionals and those working in areas facing greater disadvantage in the form of quarterly online forums, [more details here](#). And we have support for area Activators, people who are working to unlock more play streets in their area, [more info here](#).

We always love to hear from you - contact us at hello@playingout.net