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GROUP

Fairtrade Fortnight 2019

SFTG members were busy spreading the Fairtrade message all over Stockport this year.

Schools: one of our group spoke to the children during assemblies at a number of Stockport schools, encouraging them to look out for the Fairtrade mark and remind their parents to do so too.

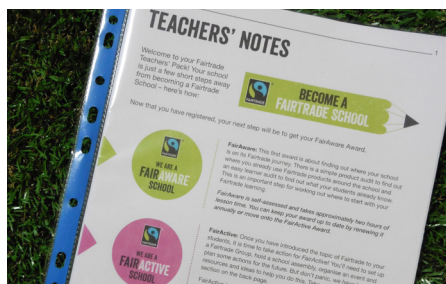
Stockport Town Hall: Children from Adswold Primary School visited the Mayor's parlour to demonstrate their work with a Fairtrade influence. One of the highlights of the visit for the children was the opportunity they were given to look around the Council Chamber.



Stockport Railway Station: the pop-up stall provided another good opportunity for Fairtrade awareness-raising amongst train users who also enjoyed the free fairly traded samples which made their journey a little tastier.

Stockport Homes: Staff sampled Fairtrade tea and coffee and found it quite acceptable. It is hoped that the tea and coffee available in the company's staff refreshment areas will soon be Fairtrade.

Stockport Governors Association (GOVAS) annual conference



All the schools in Stockport borough are invited to send a representative to an annual meeting of school governors. SFTG were fortunate enough to be allowed to attend the 2019 meeting in March which was held at Marple Hall School. A pack of Fairtrade information with relevance to education in schools was distributed to each school that attended the conference and it was also an excellent chance to make contact with a large number of schools and let them know that SFTG are there and willing to help with their Fairtrade programme.

If you have children or grandchildren at a school in Stockport, maybe you could ask the staff if Fairtrade is part of their school's curriculum.

If you are a teacher and would like a Fairtrade information pack for schools, please get in touch.



Stockport – a Fairtrade Borough

Cross-party council members and representatives from SFTG meet up several times a year to discuss the promotion of Fairtrade values throughout the borough and within council business areas.

Fairtrade Fortnight was promoted on the council's website and the Fairtrade Borough Status certificate is now on display in the Town Hall.

The council have recently funded a new banner which has already been used at several SFTG events.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SFTG AGM 2019

Tuesday 2 July, 6.45pm for 7pm start Stockport Town Hall, Edward Street, SK1 3XE We would love to have a good number of people at the AGM, so please come along to enjoy some Fairtrade refreshments while we have a short business meeting followed by discussion of current Fairtrade topics. We hope to have a speaker who will give us some insight into the practical application of Fairtrade principles in action locally. The meeting usually closes by 9pm, so it's not too late for a mid-week evening.

Fairtrade Fair 2019 - Saturday 23rd November, 10.30am – 3.00pm
Stockport Guildhall, 169 Wellington Road South, SK1 3UA Note the date in your diaries now.

Fairtrade Fair 2018

Volunteers, school bands, choirs, stallholders, customers, Guildhall staff and everyone else involved contribute to the event's continuing success and relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Here are a few comments from some of the stallholders:

"It was good to have such a welcome and to be shown to our place. We appreciated a drink. The parking and unloading worked well."

"We had a successful event overall. I think it's a great event with a lovely team of people helping."

"Thanks for the Christmas fair... although it was quiet initially there was a steady flow of people throughout the day and sales were good."

"I was very happy with the sales on Saturday. You said there would be fluctuations during the day which I was quite prepared for. Not a problem. From my point of view everything ran smoothly."

"The fair worked well for me. I sold a good amount, more than last year but not as much as the year before. There seemed to be a good variety of stalls. Footfall was good, particularly in the morning."

Feedback from stallholders was generally good and there were also some constructive suggestions for things that could have been done better. SFTG will be looking at ways to improve further on what is already a successful and much appreciated annual event.

And, as we always say, without the help of such a steadfast band of volunteers, the fair would just not take place.



OUTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH MAYOR OF STOCKPORT



Traidcraft– 40 years of Fairtrade

The company has come through a difficult time recently, but in 2019 reaches its 40-year milestone anniversary – congratulations.

We're pleased to see that some of our favourite items are now available again from Traidcraft, such as the stem ginger cookies, of which Traidcraft customers seem unable to get too many.

From the Fairtrade Foundation

"How many times have you been sagely told by someone that Fairtrade doesn't really help farmers or that it's a marketing scam?"

Or heard that all the products are more expensive and anyone can just stick on the Fairtrade Mark?

We hear these things all the time so it's time to counter the naysayers."

Check out the blog [here](#) if you're accessing the newsletter electronically.

Connect With Us!

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WHERE TO FIND US

If you would like to get involved, please come along to one of our meetings at Stockport Labour Club, 2 Lloyd Street, Stockport, SK4 1QP.

We usually start at 6.30pm, so get in touch to find out the next meeting date.