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Dear Sponsor,

We would like to thank you for your continued support and sponsorship of our work in and around Todmorden.

You may be wondering just what we have been doing this year, taking into account the many restrictions which are in place, and so for that reason we thought we would drop you a line. Up until the onset of the virus we busied ourselves around town keeping barrier baskets, planters and containers tidy in readiness for the spring. Then at the end of March we decided that in spite of the situation, the show must go on! So we carried out our Bloom duties whilst socially distancing, every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning and held our monthly planning meetings via Zoom.

Certain members of our group had at that point invested an enormous amount of time in planning our show garden which we were to exhibit at Tatton Park Flower Show in July; however, this has been postponed until 2021.

We managed to find a supplier for the summer bedding plants so that we could do our usual summer planting which proved to be excellent and went on to plan our autumn winter planting. In addition we gave as much support as we possibly could to our parks staff in their work around town weeding and cleaning being a major project and we are very committed to carrying on with this. Fielden Wharf which is the delight of boat people has been a major task along with Patmos Garden, a very well used garden and popular picnic spot for many families and is the only town centre green space. We planted two large beech trees at Lobb Mill car park and dedicate them to the NHS.

We have this year embarked on making our own compost and we already have the first Bloom made mulch ready for use and have taken cuttings wherever appropriate. Both these projects should help with our finances. We continue to source funding to help finance our work both locally and nationally. Funding applications are an extremely lengthy and involved process, some we win some we lose.

In 2021 our major project will a RHS incentive called 'It's Your Neighbourhood' where to focus is on getting small group of neighbours to look after their immediate area.

Tatton Park Show Garden hopefully will go head and we look forward to the challenge

We wish you a peaceful and happy festive season as we look forward to a more pleasant and healthy life in 2021.

Yours very sincerely

Butterworth (Chairperson) and all members of Todmorden in Bloom