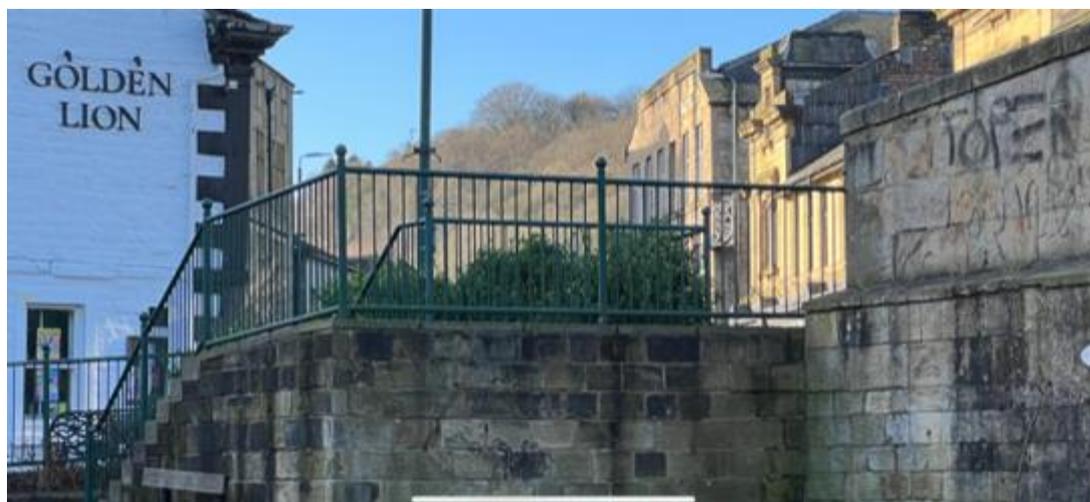


Susan

Enclosed is the funding request paper for item 16 of the Development Committee meeting this Wednesday, for distribution to members. This includes relevant background information about the wider public realm improvements at Lever St, as detailed in our future report.

Calderdale also asked me if I could think of any other Welcome Back Fund (WBF) opportunities in the town centre. I have also asked a few business owners but the scope and criteria of the WBF is so limited. I know there will be public space enhancements that the Town Council will like to consider, but there are a couple of additional items that I think should be included in your considerations - I understand the Town Clerk has a meeting with Calderdale tomorrow to discuss the WBF:

1) Graffiti Removal - the WBF will finance graffiti removal on public property. I don't know if the bridge at lock 19 (by the Golden Lion) is publicly owned but this could do with removal:



2) Buddleia Removal I am not sure if this would be classed as an additional item eligible for the WBF. There are a number of town centre locations (see photos below) where this invasive bush has taken hold and is causing property damage, negatively impacting the look of the town centre and perception of it. I appreciate that this issue may already have been raised and action attempted, or in the process of being delivered. The invasion of buddleia appears to have been caused by the bush in front of the Rise Lane apartment block on Rochdale Road and this bush should be removed ideally, to prevent further spread - see final photo below. Hunters RBM are the managing agent and whilst I could write to them, I think it would have more weight coming from the Town Council. Hunter's property manager for this development is [REDACTED]

Town Hall



St Mary's Church



Dale St Car Park



Rochdale Road/Water St

(Whilst the tree has been cut down, this bush will just grow again unless it is treated permanently)



Rise Lane Apartments



Regards

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Todmorden Hotel Action Group