



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

Organisation Name	Todmorden Book Festival		
Date of Award	June 2021	Amount of Award	£ 3000
Total Actual Project Cost	£ 19700.	Ref Number: <i>(office use only)</i>	Minute ref:

Purpose of Grant			
<input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall Hire <input type="checkbox"/> Core Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre Event			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x Project Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Community Benefit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Cohesion X	Core Funding <input type="checkbox"/>	Civic Pride <input type="checkbox"/>
Climate Change <input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Projects <input type="checkbox"/>	Food Growing <input type="checkbox"/>	Skills Development <input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural Arts & Music x	Town Centre Improvement Safety/Promotion <input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary Sector Youth Engagement <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Exclusion/ Economic Difficulties <input type="checkbox"/>
Accessibility and Inclusivity – especially Dementia friendly <input type="checkbox"/>			

Summary of project successes outcomes, benefits to Todmorden Community and Residents and numbers positively impacted by this Grant. If a more detailed appraisal is available for your project and its outcome, please attach to this feedback form.

The volunteer committee again produced a successful and well received live festival of the written word and for the first time included graphic novel content.

The festival took place across a number of venues including the library, Town Hall, Hippodrome, St Mary's Church, the Golden Lion, Todmorden Community College and Fielden Centre.

More than 650 people attended festival events, and storytelling workshops took place at Todmorden High and three primary schools. A digital events attracted more than 40 people and is now on YouTube for more to visit.

Due to illness a major event had to be cancelled and is rescheduled for March. A further free event for primary school children is also scheduled for March.

A free graphic workshop in the library also attracted a number of young people and their parents.

As part of the festival an oral historian is capturing stories of older residents and this will be available in written and digital form later in the year.

Most of those attending more than fifteen events were Todmorden residents although as usual the festival attracted people from farther afield.

150 feedback cards were collected with the vast majority expressing delight with the event they attended the only negative being that some venues were cold due to ventilation needed in light of Covid concerns and this year there were no refreshments again due to Covid concerns.

Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	C700
Volunteers engaged in project.	21
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development.	N/a
Volunteers benefitting from skills development.	2
Town Centre and or other venue visits generated.	7
Youth persons involved in project.	180
Dementia friendly activities involved in the project	N/a
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project.	

Financial Summary of Project/Event	Expenditure	£19200c	Income	£ 20000
If possible, please provide a set of accounts in respect of this specific project and where applicable, a later set of audited accounts if these are now available since originally submitting your grant application.				
Where accounts are not available a simple income and expenditure statement will suffice. Please attach evidence of expenditure e.g. receipts.				

**How have you promoted the assistance of the Town Council in your project literature/Web Site and or Social Media?
Please provide supporting evidence and where able to analytics of visits to site, opportunities to see.**

The Town Council logo in on all our marketing both printed programmes, website and banners. We asked the Town Mayor to speak at our launch and continue to stress the local support we receive from our councillors.

What lasting benefit do you think the Town Council Grant has made to your organisation?

It gives us confidence that we have the support and backing of our local representatives. This in turn helps us through some of the many challenges of putting on a book festival during a pandemic which at times can feel insurmountable. It gives us a degree of financial security that we can cover many of the costs for our events in schools and the community and encourages us to look further afield for support to host the many author events that can generate some of their own income.

It helps us feel that the festival is firmly on the Todmorden events map.

If you have received grants from the Town Council before, please advise how you intend to be more self-sustainable and reduce your reliance on Town Council funding for the future.

We have made a small profit this year which will be the springboard for future festivals.

If your project had any impact on Climate Emergency what were these and how were they minimised ?

N/A

ORGANISATION

What type of organisation are you?

Charitable Organisation

Unregistered Community Group/Club/Society (delete as appropriate*)

Registered Charity

Charity Number

Other (please state)