



CITIZENSHIP AWARD WINNERS 2020

THE TOWNLEY & MATTOCK FAMILY

This nomination recognises the Townley and Mattock family who have contributed to the life of Todmorden in many different ways and over many years.

The Townley family have been in Todmorden for more than 60 years, creating innovative products, businesses and providing innovative services.

Claire Townley's late father Werner started Harmsworth Townley & Co Ltd after inventing the Lazy Tong Lattice Hand Riveter, a very successful product for the DIY enthusiast.

Claire and her husband Glen Mattock continued the business for many years, together with a second business selling ecological and sustainable toys, providing local employment. Glen also had a business installing solar panels, so the family were ahead of the curve when it comes to the Climate Emergency. However, due to Glen's terminal illness, the business has now been sold.

Claire, Glen and their two eldest children all played with the Todmorden Community Brass Band, and their son Sasha was a drummer with Todmorden Orchestra.

Claire's mother Myra Townley was a Todmorden Town Councillor and Mayor in 2004/5. Claire herself served for 8 years on Calderdale Council and was an effective and well-respected Councillor. She also sat on the Passenger Transport Authority.

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