



# TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

## GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

<b>Organisation Name</b>	Todmorden in Bloom		
<b>Date of Award</b>	26/01/2023	<b>Amount of Award</b>	£10,196.00.00
<b>Total Actual Project Cost</b>	£	<b>Ref Number:</b> <i>(office use only)</i>	<b>Minute ref:</b>

Purpose of Grant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unregistered Community Group/Club/Society <input type="checkbox"/> Project Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Pride <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Community Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility and Inclusivity –

**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.**

### Hanging Baskets

For the first time this year Todmorden in Bloom have become responsible for the Lamp Post hanging baskets in addition to the shop Hanging baskets, Barrier baskets, town centre container and pocket gardens. This has been a difficult task, sourcing a new hanging basket supplier, a company to hang and remove all hanging baskets and not really knowing if we would meet all these requirements, especially the cost.

However, Calderdale required £125.00 per hanging baskets (shops and lampposts) total cost of £12,500.00 our actual cost for the hanging baskets have come in at £8,276.00. Watering and hanging/removal on top of this.

Again, for the first time we have a problem with the storage of the hanging basket containers over winter which Calderdale did use to do. £600 was request by the company who planted the hanging baskets to store them, and we felt that this was beyond our finances. We have for winter 2023/24 secured some free outdoor storage in park but this only covered with tarpaulin, and we are not sure how secure this will be or if this will be available next year. This is a concern.

Breakdown of hanging/barrier basket only cost:

Hanging/ Removal of HB	£ 756	
Watering	5,800	
Summer plants including barrier basket plants	1,984	
Compost	350	
Hanging Baskets supplier	4,020	
Presentation event room hire	40	
Certificate frames	75	
Supper cost: Not all receipts have been received yet but 50 people@ 3.50 each	175.00	
Sub Total	£13,200.00	
Less money Received from the sale of the shop hanging baskets	£ 2,255.00	
Total spent	£10,945.00	

**More Positive News**

**Plants:**

A new supplier for the plants has been successfully sourced resulting in an excellent display throughout the Town. Last year’s new compost bins have rewarded us with good compost and enabled us to recycle our greenery. We have two big planting out day in the year; 25 people came to help plant 2000 plants for the summer and again in the Autumn when we planted 2000 pansies.

**Watering:**

Because we have many more containers etc this year it has become an enormous task, but our regular company have thankfully managed the extra work well. Mostly starting at 5am before his normal work to avoid this summer’s traffic situation and we hope he continues in 2024.

**Yorkshire in Bloom:**

The group gained a Gold Award in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition and were voted Category Winners for 2023 (one of 15 towns) Because of this result we have also been shortlisted (one of three towns) to represent Towns in the National Britian in Bloom Competition in 2024. We will know in December if we have been selected and we do hope this will happen because 2024 will be our 25<sup>th</sup> year, 50 years of the formation of Calderdale and 150 years of the opening of the Town Hall and this would help to enhance the overall celebration of the area.

**Local Garden competition:**

The mayor attended the annual prize giving event where the 28 people and their partners who entered the local garden competition received their certificates and a light supper was served.

At the end of October, the mayor came and helped us completely dig over the Purple for Polio pocket garden on the corner of Myrtle St/ Halifax Rd, we removed plants, replanted plants, and composted the garden in two hours. The staff from Centre Vale Park came and cut the overgrown hedging down and this roadside area is now transformed.

Although the group is open to anyone the group remains around 10 active members, meeting every Sunday morning, more in the height of the summer. We rotate gardening throughout the town pocket gardens and Stations.

On occasion when we have heavy digging tasks the British Legion members come to help us we sometimes put a call out on our Facebook page if we have a lot to plant and residents who don’t want to commit to gardening each week come to swell the numbers. This system seems to work well.

Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.  <b>All residents, businesses, and visitors, many people thank us for all the work we do as they pass by when we are gardening and receive many positive comments on our Facebook page globally.</b>	
Volunteers engaged in project. <b>Everyone who works within the group are volunteers apart from the watering of the hanging basket which is too strenuous and needs a professional person.</b> <b>Volunteers take on the tasks of; Administration, Grant/Fundraising, marketing, management of the shop hanging baskets project and gardening.</b>	40
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development. <b>As above: the work done give instant visual pleasure to everyone</b>	
Volunteers benefitting from skills development.	40

<b>The group learns something every time they are gardening. We keep up with current trends and methods of gardening.</b>	
Town Centre and or other venue visits generated. <b>The work done by the group helps to promote tourism and enhances the status of town through the national awards achieved.</b>	
Youth people involved in project. <b>Working with the youth of the town is growing slightly, we are currently working with the gardening group at the high school and will be using part of one of their poly tunnels this winter. The drawback to this is we can only assess the school building in term time.</b>	10
Dementia friendly activities involved in the project. <b>From time to time some members of the health champions come along and dead head the barrier baskets We have some members who are diagnosed with Dementia but as we tend to work in groups this is not a problem to the tasks required.</b>	3
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project. <b>The group is open to all and it cost nothing to garden with us, people can just drop at any session without the pressure of having to attend every session.</b>	3

<b>Financial Summary of Project/Event</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£10,945.00</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>£10,196.00</b>
<p>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.</p> <p>Where accounts are not available a simple income and expenditure statement will suffice. Please attach evidence of expenditure e.g. receipts.</p>				

<b>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.</b>
<p>The town Council logo is on many Barrier baskets. Acknowledgement on Facebook page Verbally</p>

<b>What lasting benefit do you think the Town Council Grant has made to your organisation?</b>
<p>Because Todmorden in Bloom as grown and taken on many more areas of gardening this would not be possible without the support of the Town Council, the grant enables us: Make the town look well care for, give civic pride and community cohesion. Promote Tourism. Work with diverse groups Enables people who would otherwise not be able to garden with us enter the annual garden competition, receive a certificate, and socialise at the prize giving evening.</p>

**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.**

**The group is constantly look for the most cost effective and best value plant suppliers.  
Although the Town Deal does seem to be taking a long time to come to fruition, we are still hopeful that we will get the planned for Greenhouse in Centre Vale Park. This will enable us to save cost by growing some bedding plants, this is one of our biggest expenses but does keep the town looking good.**

**We now have two composting areas which have produced more than 50, 70 litre bags of compost this year.  
We send out sponsorship letter to local businesses.**

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

**All hanging baskets, barrier baskets and container use peat free soil.  
All bedding plants are grown within a 50 miles radius thus keeping our carbon footprint to the minimum.  
Recycled compost saves waste.**