



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

Organisation Name	Denis' Field Friends and Growers Group		
Date of Award	13/06/2022	Amount of Award	£ 710
Total Actual Project Cost	£ 1190	Ref Number: <i>(office use only)</i>	Minute ref:

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

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.
<p>This funding enabled the group to buy materials for and then to build 2 new large raised growing beds in the community growing area at Denis' Field, Todmorden.</p> <p>These two beds are specifically for children to use to grow vegetables as a sharing group activity.</p> <p>One bed is used by Caterpillar Day Nursery and the other is used by Chris, a local child minder with the young children he cares for. These adults and children are all local residents - part of the local Todmorden community.</p> <p>Although the beds were constructed quite late in the growing season for 2022, both have been really successful, with children coming with their carers regularly during the summer and autumn to plant and tend the vegetables.</p> <p>I regularly go out to talk with Chris and the staff at Caterpillar Day Nursery and they inform me of the great benefits for them - that they and the children really enjoy coming and joining in with the gardening, that Denis' Field is a quiet safe green haven within easy walking distance, when they do not have any green space of their own to use. The children are able to find minibeasts, butterflies and wild flowers on Denis' Field. They spot birds there too. In all the beds have been a great success...and they will last for years and will benefit many more children as the years go by.</p> <p>Parents of the Caterpillar Day Nursery have been visiting the beds with their children at weekends and holidays. The children and carers access the site via the footbridge over the railway line and then walk along the wooded path to the growing bed site. The children usually bring snacks with them and picnic by the growing beds (there are some large shady trees nearby).</p> <p>There are now a total of 13 large beds, for the local community to use to grow vegetables. The beds measure 3.3m x 1.5m.</p>

They are all made from strong wood and are of an easily accessible height for children and young people.
 There is also a smaller bed which has been built by and is tended by the Youth Group from the local Mosque.

Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	20
Volunteers engaged in project.	20
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development.	20
Volunteers benefitting from skills development.	20
Town Centre and or other venue visits generated.	Yes - 20
Youth persons involved in project.	Yes - 12
Dementia friendly activities involved in the project	Yes
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project.	Yes

Financial Summary of Project/Event	Expenditure	£ 710	Income	£ 710
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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.

Receipts attached for Soil from 'Tommy Top Soil' and Wood from 'Fielden Factors' – the costs are in excess of the funding received from the Town Council, as the group also received an award from the National Garden Scheme for the construction of the other growing beds (for adults to use communally)

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.

We acknowledge the support of the Town Council for the funding of the growing bed materials on our website – savenidenisfield.uk

At the moment a large colourful information sign is being made to be placed at the entrance to Denis' Field which includes an acknowledgement for the support of the Town Council.

We are ordering signage to go on the 2 growing beds to acknowledge that the Town Council has funded their construction.

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

Children and young adults will be able to join in together with communal gardening activities, for many years to come. As the children grow up, they will be able to share this important green public space and to garden with their peers and with friends and relatives.

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.

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

The project is about local people, of all ages, coming together and growing vegetables, organically. We are currently constructing a large natural water collecting/storage container. The site is totally off grid.