



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

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| Organisation Name | Denis' Field Friends and Growers Group | | |
| Date of Award | 10 th June 2023 | Amount of Award | £445.93 |
| Total Actual Project Cost | £1,247.88 | Ref Number: <i>(office use only)</i> | Minute ref: |

| Purpose of Grant | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall Hire <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Social Exclusion/Economic Difficulties <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility and Inclusivity – especially Dementia friendly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) |
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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.

Our project benefits the local community by enabling it to further develop the valuable community asset of Denis' Field, specifically in the area of community food growing. The project fosters community belonging and enhances engagement with green space via our community food growing project.

The project is a vital step in the development of the growing space on Denis' Field into a sustainable and effective community vegetable growing asset. The funding has enabled the group to complete an effective, sustainable and natural water collection system, which will collect and store rain water for the community growers to use to water their growing beds without having to source water from the mains. The group have built a large natural water collecting structure, with a roof and guttering, sited over our compost bays. The water travels from this roof into a large capacity IBC water storage tank (1000 litres), for the growers to use water their growing beds (see attached photographs). The project demonstrates sustainable growing activity in action – in this way, it benefits Todmorden by contributing to the Town's reputation and profile as a space of sustainable food production.

In addition to the Water Collection Project the funding also allowed the group to purchase professionally produced signage, acknowledging our funders, to label all of the group's development areas on the site – the growing beds, the Jubilee Bench and the Water Storage and Collection Unit (see attached photographs).

The project directly benefits the 35 people who currently cultivate fruit and vegetables in the raised beds, plus the approximately 55 children on roll at Caterpillars Nursery, Stansfield Street, 5 infants at Cocoon Childminding Facility on Adelaide Street, and approximately 10 youths associated with the Masjid-e-Hamza on Eagle Street. All these organisations are currently responsible for a raised bed on Denis' Field and are involved in this community project. More broadly, the project benefits the many people who regularly use Denis' Field for leisure activities, as it will generally lead to the enhancement of the space and increase its biodiversity.

| Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant. | Numbers |
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| Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome. | 100 |
| Volunteers engaged in project. | 35 |
| Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development. | 100 |
| Volunteers benefitting from skills development. | 100 |
| Town Centre and or other venue visits generated. | Other venue - Yes |
| Youth persons involved in project. | 70 |
| Dementia friendly activities involved in the project | |
| Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project. | 10 |

| Financial Summary of Project/Event | Expenditure | £1,247.88 | Income | £445.93 |
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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.

**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 group has acknowledged the generous support of Todmorden Town Council through the professional signage installed on all the development areas of the site (see attached photographs) and the Denis' Field Website – savedenisfield.uk and through Social Media – Facebook (Save Denis Field)

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

The Grant has made a massive difference to the growing bed users (35 adults and 70 youths/children). The group can now collect and store natural rain water and the growers can now easily access this water to water the community growing beds, rather than relying on (very) long hose pipes ...or having very dried up growing beds and shrivelled vegetables!

It has made the whole community growing set-up greener, easier, quicker and less stressful.

The signage the group have purchased is professional, weather proof and durable...and is far superior to the homemade temporary signage the group previously had.

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.

Establishing a self-sustainable water collection and storage unit was essential to enable the growing group to have a natural and sustainable watering system. The set-up is built and works well. It has made a profound difference to the group's operation. However the group would like to add an additional 1000 litres IBC water tank (£80 approx.) to enable even more water to be naturally stored and used.

Financially the group has relied upon grants and awards to help to set up the growing beds and additional apparatus (water collector and storage, compost bins, the Jubilee Bench, new fruit trees). These are now generally completed and the set-up will be self-sufficient in general from now on. The group raises funds through a small annual charge for growing bed usage, plus occasional fund raising activities.

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

This project has had a very positive impact on Climate Emergency concerns as at its core is the natural collection and storage of rainwater, to use on the 13 large vegetable growing beds. This now eliminates the group's dependency on hoses and taps and makes the group's activities self-sufficient re its water supply.