



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

GRANT APPLICATION FORM – MAXIMUM GRANT £3,000

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the Discretionary Grants Policy and award criteria before submitting their Grant application. Please complete all the highlighted boxes on this application form

Contact Details

Name of Organisation	Denis' Field Friends and Growers Group
Address of Organisation	
Name of person making application	
Position in Organisation	Chair of Denis' Field Friends and Growers' Group
Phone Number	
Email address	
website	

Organisation Details

What type of Organisation are you? (Delete as appropriate)	
Charitable organisation	Unregistered Community Group/ Club/Society
Registered Charity (Charity number please state below)	Other (please state below)
Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)	Yes No
Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? (If yes, please give details)	Yes No
How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?	40

Tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you wish to undertake and your main activities and how you encourage engagement from all sections of the Todmorden Community

Denis' Field Friends and Growers Group (DFFG) was established to enhance the public green space in Todmorden known as Denis' Field. This site is a council-owned public recreational space of approximately 2 and a quarter acres (130m x 65m), accessible via Stansfield Hall Road and Woodlands Avenue. It has been a community green space for at least 35 years. The land has the

benefit of having been granted status of an Asset of Community Value. The Group's aim is to support, encourage and enable the community to work together to improve the site for the public to enjoy.

The key aims of the group are to:

- create growing spaces on the site for all to enjoy
- develop the biodiversity of the site
- organise social events on the site
- improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the community by working with local people of all ages to make improvements to the site.

DFFG entered a licence agreement with Calderdale Council to use an agreed area of land on Denis' field for the purpose of a community garden with permitted activities to include the erection and use of raised beds to grow vegetables and soft fruit. We have gradually developed the area, with support from Calderdale Council, Todmorden Town Council and the National Garden Scheme, and we now have 13 large raised beds, a compost bay and water collection unit, which enable 40 members (currently) of the local community to engage in sustained growing activities.

All the amenities on site have been constructed and are maintained by volunteers. Membership of DFFG is open to everyone and is free; there is a small annual charge of £12 for growing bed rental. Anyone local can request to be put on the raised bed waiting list. Membership of the Group is diverse and includes minority groups. We strive to be inclusive of ethnicity, gender, age, learning, mental and physical needs.

We now wish to develop our site further through a series of related improvements:

- a) Enhancement of growing area through the laying of woodchip paths around the raised beds, for easier access.
- b) Additional water tank to increase capacity of our water collection unit.
- c) Additional topsoil to replenish the raised beds, as existing soil has settled over recent months.
- d) Replenishment and enhancement of gravel around the jubilee bench, installed in 2022 through a National Lottery Community Fund grant. The plastic covering and gravel surface in this area was vandalised in 2023, with some of the plastic sheets being ripped up and thrown around the surrounding area. To prevent any further degradation of this area, we would like to remove the remaining plastic covering and replace it with additional gravel, which will enhance the area immediately surrounding and underneath the bench.

These four interrelated projects are designed to enhance the space of the field and enable growers to work more efficiently and easily to grow produce. The gravel replenishment around the bench will benefit all users of Denis' Field. The bench has become a popular spot to rest or picnic on the field. The funding will cover the cost of materials to complete these projects. The projects will be completed by volunteers giving their time freely to enhance the quality and useability of this community asset.

Will your project have any implications in respect of climate emergency and if so, how do you intend to minimise such impact?

This project will have a positive impact in relation to climate emergency. Improvements (a) – (c) will enhance the capacity of local people to grow organic food – vegetables and fruit – on a small-scale, with (b) in particular increasing our capacity to collect rainwater for use on the community growing beds, so relieving pressure on water consumption. Improvement (d) will further encourage different people to come and use the field as an outdoor amenity space with an emphasis on biodiversity, therefore increasing awareness of the significance of biodiversity and promotion of nature.

How will you acknowledge the Assistance of Todmorden Town Council on all promotional material - see declaration attend of application.

We always acknowledge the help of funders in our development of Denis' Field. The Town Council has been acknowledged by inclusion on the bespoke Welcome sign erected at the entrance to Denis' Field. Through our previous grant from the Town Council, we commissioned the design and production of signage subsequently placed on the raised beds and the water storage area to promote the work and

profile of DFFG, which acknowledge the support we receive from the Town Council. We will also acknowledge the support of the Council on our website and active Facebook page, which currently has 390 members.

Project Information

Which Grant are you applying for?

Small Grant

What is the Purpose of grant request (delete as appropriate)

Town Hall Hire	Project Delivery	Core Funding	Civic Pride
Town Centre Improvement	Voluntary sector youth Engagement	Social Exclusion	Accessibility and inclusivity
Community Benefit	Community Cohesion	Safety/promotion	Cultural Arts & Music
Environmental project	Climate change	Food Growing	Town Centre Event
Skill development	Economic difficulties	Health & Wellbeing	Community Room Venue Hire

Other (please state)

Project Name Denis' Field Site Enhancements

When will your project start? 19.2.24

When will your project finish? 30.9.24

How will your project benefit the local community within the Todmorden town boundary? (Use a separate Sheet if necessary).

Our project will benefit the local community by enabling us to further develop the valuable community asset of Denis' Field. The project will foster community belonging and enhance engagement with green space. The DFFG constitution commits us to improving the health and wellbeing of the community. Nature is a great way to bring together people of all ages, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, disability and sexual orientation. This project will further enhance the work we are doing to develop and engage the local community in this valuable green space. Engagement in growing activities has a great impact in terms of wellbeing and community knowledge and expertise. Members of DFFG have reported the benefit of being able to socialise, make new friends, enjoy the fresh air and learn from each other, sharing their knowledge, skills and enthusiasm for gardening and growing.

Why is this project needed? What advantage will it bring to Todmorden?

The project will help us to further develop the potential of Denis' Field as a sustainable and effective community asset. Improvements (a) – (c) will provide more capacity for the flourishing DFFG growers community to work on site and increase their ability to grow and harvest organic produce. Improvement (d) will enhance the useability of Denis' Field as an outdoor amenity, used by the whole local community. These enhancements will benefit Todmorden both by contributing to the Town's reputation and profile as a space of sustainable food production, and by maintaining and developing a key outdoor amenity site for the use of the town's residents.

How many people within the Todmorden town boundary will benefit from the project?

The project will directly benefit the 40 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 12 youths associated with the Masjid-e-Hamza on Eagle Street. All these organisations are currently responsible for a raised bed on Denis' Field. More broadly, the project will benefit the many people who regularly use Denis' Field for leisure activities, as it will lead to the enhancement of the space and increase its biodiversity.

Please include dates and venue of events if applicable (include a draft programme if available.)

n/a

Financial Information/ Project Costs

Total Project Costs	£1069.46	
Amount requested from TTC	£619.46	
Have you previously applied for grant funding from Todmorden Town Council? (If yes please give details including when and how much)	Yes	No
<p>We were awarded a small grant of £710 on 13.6.22. The funding enabled us to buy materials to construct growing beds.</p> <p>We were awarded a small grant of £445.93 on 10.6.23. The funding enabled us to buy materials to construct a rainwater collection unit, and signage to raise the profile of DFFG.</p>		
Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project? (If yes please give details below/ separate sheet)	Yes	No

Budget: This budget should be for the total cost of the activity you are applying to do. Please be as accurate as you can, as you may be asked to explain any amount which is unclear. Attach a separate budget sheet if you have done this work already.

(Please provide estimates/quotations of the proposed items of expenditure you may use as evidence on separate sheets. If you are unable to claim VAT back please ensure the gross value is put in here. And please do not round figures up)

Expenditure Description	Cost (£)
1 x 1 ton bag 10mm Golden Gravel, Fielden Factors, Todmorden (Q1)	£113.40
1 x 3.5 lorry load (700cm W x 1250cm H x 12050cm L) woodchip, Beaver Tree Services, Hebden Bridge (Q2)	£200.00
2 x 1 ton Bulk Bags Beds n Borders Top Soil Tommy Top Soil (Q3)	£180.00
1 x 1000l IBC Water Tank (Q4)	£112.82
2 x 6m grey 15mm water pipe, Fielden Factors, Todmorden (Q1)	£13.24
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
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	£
	£
Volunteer Hours (based on £10 per hour as for this project only)	£450
Total Expenditure	£1069.46

Other income	
Income Description	Cost (£)
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
45 Volunteer Hours (this should match the figure in the expenditure table)	£450
Total Income	£450

Organisation Financial Information

Level of Reserves Held at application date	£275.39
Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date	£275.39
Total value of Assets Held	£275.39

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Sum requested from Todmorden Town Council	£619.46
Applicant contribution % = (B/A)%	42 %
Todmorden Town Council Contribution % = (C/A)%	58 %
Total income (must be sum of B & C above) and equal to figure A	
Does applicant contribution % meet criteria – see end of application form	Yes
Volunteer Hours % contribution	
Does the volunteer hours contribution % meet criteria	Yes
Town Clerk confirmed Bank details and supporting documents.	yes