

Item 11 Feedback From Donations 24/25

Cornholme Old Library

Dear Naomi

I am writing on behalf of the Directors to thank Todmorden Town Councillors for supporting the activities of the Cornholme Old Library and its running costs over the last year.

All our costs and the provision of services such as the food bank have to be raised from donations and small grants. The Town Council's support has helped us enormously over the last year to provide a number of services and a community venue for the people of Cornholme and Portsmouth.

In addition we also wish to record our thanks for the input and support we have received from the Community Support Officer, Becca Toop over the last few months.

We do hope that the Old Library can build on this support and partnership working during the coming year.

Once again thank you for your support.

Best wishes,
Anne Fleming,
Directors.

Todmorden Food Drop in

Hello,

Thank you for your e-mail and yes, I'm still the correct person to contact and here is the information you require:

Yes the bank details you have for us remain the same and are the correct account for the payment.

We would like to stress just how important the Town Council grant is for the Todmorden Food Bank. The grant money is used to pay the vast majority of the rental costs we have for using the Todmorden Learning Center and Community Hub. The shortfall is made up from money we receive from our Local Giving and other fundraising events. This helps us operate from a central and easily accessed location right in the center of Todmorden. It offers us the required space we need to run the food bank. This includes storage space for the nonperishable food items, meeting rooms for the partners we have from various welfare and debt advice services and most importantly the cafe space. People coming to collect food parcels have said year after year that the cafe space is one of the most important parts of the food bank, it offers them not only the chance for warm food and drink but also a space to meet and socialize. For many people isolation and loneliness is a major factor alongside the cost of living crisis and poverty they are experiencing.

The Todmorden Food Bank continues to see increased numbers of people coming for food parcels on a Saturday morning. Sadly, this is unlikely to change in the near future and the food bank will continue to be needed. The average number of people who are receiving food parcels each week is 219 adults and 120 children and so far, this year we have supported 2848 adults and 1553 children. There continues to be no 'typical' food bank user as the cost of living crisis and increased poverty has affected people across society and our community.

Finally, we would like to express our sincerest gratitude and thanks to the Todmorden Town Council for their continued support. Your support and grant funding is an important factor in the Todmorden Food Bank being able to continue to provide an important and much needed service to the people of Todmorden.

If you need any more information, then please feel free to get back in touch.

Thanks

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Todmorden In Bloom



Dear Town Councillors

02 /04/2025

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to Todmorden in Bloom.

Below is a brief summary of how Todmorden in Bloom has spent your donation in 2024 and what we will be doing in 2025.

Overall, it cost around £20,000 to run the projects annually.

1. The biggest expense is the watering of the many hanging baskets, containers, pocket gardens and barrier baskets at £6380. This might seem at lot, but the watering is done twice per week for approximately 12-15 weeks, and it's a hard physical job which members can't do themselves.
2. Hanging baskets are the next highest expense at £5208, however, £2695 of this expense is recovered by the business hanging basket scheme, where the businesses 'buy their basket' for the summer season. This is a method of encouraging the town centre businesses to enhance their properties.
3. Bedding plants are the next biggest expense at £2,204 this includes both summer and winter plants. These plants are for the barrier baskets and containers.
4. We pay a company to hang and remove the hanging baskets at a cost of £1,083 again this is a task that we cannot physically do ourselves. We are hoping to reduce this bill slightly this autumn by storing the empty hanging baskets at the polytunnel.

As you will see from our accounts, we gain other funding from the generosity of local people and various fund raising activities.

We try to work with other community groups in the town and this year we are going to be working alongside the local Cancer Research Group by 'Painting the Town Pink'. This is in support of 60 years of breast cancer research, all the barrier baskets, containers and pocket garden will consist of a range of pink flowers.

In not sure if this is widely known but our partner group is Friends of Todmorden and Walsden Stations.

2025 is the 200 anniversaries of the first railway launch and as part of Northern Trains Adopters Group and Community Rail Partnerships we will we celebrating this national event by having an information timeline board in the waiting room, this will show 200 years of Todmorden stations, also bunting and planting with the Rail 200 logo on.

We will again enter the Yorkshire in Bloom competition to make sure Todmorden and the Stations are noticed at County level.

You can see all the group's current activities on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Todmordenbloomers>

Many thanks once more

S Greenwood Group Chairperson