



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

Organisation Name	Denis Field Friends and Growers Group		
Date of Award	14 th February 2024	Amount of Award	£619.46
Total Actual Project Cost	£1069.46	Ref Number: <i>(office use only)</i>	Minute ref:

Purpose of Grant	
<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 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.

Our project benefits the local community by enabling us to further develop the valuable community asset of Denis’ Field. The project fosters community belonging and enhances 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 further enhances 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. The project helps us to further develop the potential of Denis’ Field as a sustainable and effective community asset.

Improvements
Specific:

Improved access to site – New woodchip on pathways and new gravel around the Jubilee Bench area
 Increased sustainable water supply (through the installation of a second 1000l water tank - filled naturally by rain)
 Improved appearance of the water collection area – it now blends into the site more
 Improved the growing beds – new top soil
 Improved the Community Orchard area – new fruit trees bought and planted
 Improved facilities – new garden tools bought for the community to use when gardening
 General:
 Provides more capacity for the flourishing DFFG growers community to work on site and increases their ability to grow and harvest organic vegetables and salad.
 Enhances the useability of Denis’ Field as an outdoor amenity, used by the whole local community. These enhancements 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.
 The project directly benefits 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 benefits the many people who regularly use Denis’ Field for leisure activities, as it leads to the enhancement of the space and increase its biodiversity.

Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	100+
Volunteers engaged in project.	40 adults + 72 children
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development.	40
Volunteers benefitting from skills development.	40
Town Centre and or other venue visits generated.	Other venue - Yes
Youth persons involved in project.	72
Dementia friendly activities involved in the project	
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project.	10

Financial Summary of Project/Event	Expenditure	£623.14	Income	£623.14 (Grant + Top Up from Growing Bed rent)
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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 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 (40 adults and 72 youths/children). The group can now collect and store more 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.
The site is more accessible thanks to new wood chip and gravel
The growing beds have been improved with new top soil
The group now has new gardening tools to use
The community orchard has been improved – new fruit trees have been planted
It has made the whole community growing set-up greener, easier, quicker, nicer and less stressful.

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.

Thanks to the funding, the group now has a well established totally natural large scale water collection system to use to water the growing bed plants. This system should last for many years.

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. New fruit trees have been planted and the group are growing their own organic vegetables.