



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

Organisation Name	Cornholme & Portsmouth Old Library		
Date of Award	4th December 2023	Amount of Award	£724.00
Total Actual Project Cost	£774.00	Ref Number: <i>(office use only)</i>	Minute ref:

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

We run a community building for the use of residents of Cornholme and Portsmouth. This includes weekly food bank, providing space for the use of community groups offering support and activities for local residents.

The Old Library is operated by volunteers which include a management committee and team of dedicated volunteers who run a busy foodbank, look after the premises and work with the local community.

The project was to buy and install storage units in the foyer of the Old Library. This area is where we meet and greet service users, particularly during our weekly Food Bank project. They register and collect dry goods – pasta, rice, cereals – which currently are simply left out on trestle tables, which is untidy. At the close of Food Bank any left-over food is transferred to our meeting room at the back of the building – leaving it lying out is not best practice as it could attract vermin or leave it open to be taken by service users of other activities in the building.

The installation of storage facilities now allows secure storage of food. It has also freed-up the meeting room allowing us to make better use of the meeting room for other organisations to use, thereby bringing in revenue to the Old Library.

It also has the advantage of offering better facilities and activities for the local community of over 1,700 people. Cornholme and Portsmouth is one of the most economically and socially deprived areas of Calderdale, with indices of poor health, housing problems, unemployment and poverty, particularly in that it is one of the most remote and isolated areas. The project has helped to bring the local community together, promote community cohesion, and engage with advice and support services.

Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	50
Volunteers engaged in project.	14
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development.	
Volunteers benefitting from skills development.	
Town Centre and or other venue visits generated.	
Youth persons involved in project.	
Dementia friendly activities involved in the project	
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project.	50

Financial Summary of Project/Event	Expenditure	£724.00	Income	£0.00
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.
We publicly acknowledge Todmorden Town Council support in our literature, in our annual report and social media channels, including the Town Council website. We wish to promote use of the community centre and to assist with this will produce publicity for local media - the Town Council's assistance will be included in any such promotional information.

What lasting benefit do you think the Town Council Grant has made to your organisation?
The grant has allowed us to offer confidential advice sessions in the meeting room which previously was used for food storage.

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.
We have received funding from Todmorden Town Council before. We have applied for grants from many sources to carry out our organisation's activities and continue to do so.

If your project had any impact on Climate Emergency what were these and how were they minimised ?
The community building has no specific impact on the climate emergency. Activities carried out in the building can and do, for instance growing fruit and vegetables in the community garden. We strive to reduce packing and recycle all that we cannot reduce.