



## TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

<b>Organisation Name</b>	Todmorden Choral Society		
<b>Date of Award</b>	June 2023	<b>Amount of Award</b>	£2950
<b>Total Actual Project Cost</b>	£13,300	<b>Ref Number:</b> <i>(office use only)</i>	<b>Minute ref:</b>

Purpose of Grant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall Hire <input type="checkbox"/> Core Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Pride <input type="checkbox"/> Community Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts & Music <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility and Inclusivity – especially Dementia friendly

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.
<p>The town hall hire funding allowed us to keep tickets for our two most expensive concerts affordable, promoting access to culture for all regardless of income.</p> <p>The core funding enabled the sustainability of a local group which was really struggling after Covid, having lost both members and audiences during the pandemic. As a result we were able to keep subscription rates affordable, again promoting inclusivity; this also helped us to recruit new members, promoting TCS's sustainability in terms of both income and people. We are now at the point of breaking even on our basic costs (not including specific outreach projects), helped by our own fundraising efforts and securing small amounts of local business sponsorship.</p> <p>200 people attended <i>Messiah</i> (the maximum number of tickets we can sell to comply with fire regulations for the town hall once the performers are taken into account) and 135 came to our spring concert. We recruited around 10 new members, all younger than our average age, and they in turn are now bringing in new audience members. So the cultural, educational and health benefits of classical music are being shared more widely across the town.</p>

Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	250
Volunteers engaged in project.	12
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development.	60
Volunteers benefitting from skills development.	12
Town Centre and or other venue visits generated.	5
Youth persons involved in project.	10
Dementia friendly activities involved in the project	None specifically
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project.	5

<b>Financial Summary of Project/Event</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 13,213</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>£ 12,867</b>
<p>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.</p>				

**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 Town Council’s support is acknowledged on our website: <https://todmordenchoral.org/page.php?pageid=1> and in our programmes (see attached excerpt).

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

The core funding was especially useful in planning our recovery from the effects of the pandemic. This promoted our sustainability and further integration into the town by raising our profile. We believe the Town Council’s support in previous years helped to lever a further £1,500 project funding from the Scops Arts Trust, as national funders tend to view local funders’ endorsement almost as a quality mark.

**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.**

Our plan to reach out to new members and audiences has been successful, with the help of both the Town Council and the Scops Arts Trust. As a result we expect to break even at our financial year end in August (although this year was not typical, as we have benefitted from the subsidy for the spring concert as part of the town hall anniversary celebrations and were not liable for town hall hire in April). We did not apply to the Town Council in the financial year 2024 – 25 because of increased membership and audiences and because we had secured the funding from Scops, and although we are unlikely to be able to apply to them again in the near future we will continue to seek other external opportunities for support when we need it (despite the current difficult funding climate for the arts).

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

We believe the impact has been minimal but continued to apply the mitigating measures outlined in the bid, such as public transport use, car-sharing and outlawing plastic cups at rehearsals.

**Please attach visual evidence of the work that has been undertaken thanks to this grant. This can be photographs or videos of your work, your staff or your volunteers, recipients of services etc. Please ensure you have the permission of the people in the photographs or videos.  
You can also consider attaching other visual material, such as any artwork that is created during the project, event posters, or certificates given to participants or volunteers.  
These images may be used by Todmorden Town Council to share news about the project, and to publicise the work happening in our community. Images may be used in press releases, printed publicity, social media and published on Todmorden Town Council’s website. We comply with GDPR law in regard to the storage of images.**