



## TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

<b>Organisation Name</b>	Todmorden Folk Festival		
<b>Date of Award</b>	29.01.2025	<b>Amount of Award</b>	£2000
<b>Total Actual Project Cost</b>	£32,370	<b>Ref Number:</b> <i>(office use only)</i>	<b>Minute ref:</b>

Purpose of Grant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Pride <input type="checkbox"/> Community Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts & Music <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre Event <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Sector Youth Engagement <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.**

Todmorden Folk Festival 2025 built on recent growth and was another highly successful year. Events across the weekend were very well attended, with increased visitor numbers and strong engagement from local residents, confirming the festival’s position as a major cultural date in Todmorden’s calendar.

The area most directly supported by the Town Council grant, Pollination Street, was extremely busy on the Saturday. Families took part in a wide range of FREE activities including face painting, drumming workshops, craft activities, Morris dancing workshops, and street entertainment. These activities created a vibrant town-centre atmosphere and ensured the festival remained accessible to all. Photos are available.

Although it is difficult to measure exact numbers at free outdoor events, Pollination Street felt as busy as or busier than previous years. Local traders reported a very busy weekend, and good weather on Sunday brought large audiences to outdoor stages.

Visitor feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many people expressing how much they value the festival weekend and its contribution to community life. We greatly appreciate Todmorden Town Council’s support in helping us deliver this.

Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	1000+
Volunteers engaged in project.	80+
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development.	300+
Volunteers benefitting from skills development.	50+
Town Centre and or other venue visits generated.	Very many
Youth persons involved in project.	Hundreds

Dementia friendly activities involved in the project	Included where applicable
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project.	Yes – through free events and activities

<b>Financial Summary of Project/Event</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	£24,098.93 + Volunteer Hours	<b>Income</b>	£21,569.47
---	--------------------	---------------------------------	---------------	------------

**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 include Todmorden Town Council’s logo on our printed and digital publicity including flyers, brochures, banners, website, and social media. We acknowledge funders through social media posts, our website, and press releases. The Mayor is invited to our main concerts and councillors are always welcome to attend festival events.

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

Town Council support has been instrumental in growing the festival from its early beginnings into a major town-wide cultural event. The grant enables us to provide a substantial programme of FREE entertainment, street performance, and family activities that animate the town centre, attract visitors, and ensure the festival is accessible to everyone. This support has helped establish the festival as a key part of Todmorden’s cultural identity.

**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.**

The main festival programme is now largely self-sustaining through ticket and bar sales, covering venues, artists, technical delivery, and publicity, while keeping ticket prices affordable. However, free street entertainment and children’s activities are not financially viable without support. Town Council funding allows us to offer inclusive, town-centre events that welcome those unable to access paid activities. Without this support, ticket prices would need to rise significantly, reducing accessibility. We remain grateful for continued support while seeking other funding streams. We lost money in 2025 as we had hoped to get a grant from Calderdale, as we have previously, however this was not available due to their spend being diverted to Culturedale. We used our reserves to cover the shortfall which has left us with tighter margins going into 2026.

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

We encourage public transport use and walking between centrally located venues. We prioritise local suppliers, use reusable glassware to reduce plastic waste, and aim to minimise food waste. We have previously worked with The Real Junk Food Project and hope to do so again. We continue to source food and drink locally, supporting Todmorden businesses and reducing environmental impact.

**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 regards to the storage of images.