



Todmorden Town Council

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Subject	Climate Committee Project Report

Objective

To select a project for the Climate Emergency Committee for 2026/27 based on the costing for the two chosen proposals.

The amount available to spend on projects and any events for 2026/2027 is **£3230.29**.

Project Options

1. **Biodiversity Education Area**

Vale Community Garden would be an ideal site for a biodiversity education area. This would educate people on how to protect and respect their local environment and make positive choices to impact the climate.

The primary focus would be 4 signs, educating people on different biodiversity and climate issues, to be situated around the garden. We would also look to increase the biodiversity of the garden by creating a wildflower area, making a bug hotel, and putting in: a hedgehog house, 3 bat boxes, and 7 bird nesting boxes (for different species).

The approximate cost of this project would be £1,607.54, subject to materials being purchased and quotes being received.

A breakdown of these costs is as follows:

Item	Total Cost (with postage)
Educational Signs x4	£1,160.00
Hedgehog house	£70.83
Bird and bat boxes kit x 10 3 x bat box kit 3 x open fronted bird box kit 2 x 25mm hole bird box kit 2 x 32mm hole bird box kit	£140.83
Wildflower seed mix	£34.80

Bamboo canes (for bug hotel)	£30.99
Terracotta pots (for bug hotel) x6	£17.40
Straw (for bug hotel)	£6.55
Contingency (10% of estimated costs)	£146.14

Optional addition to this project:

Clearing the area, coppicing and green woodwork sessions - 2 people, 2 days	2 people over 2 days (1 day coppicing, 1 day community day). The community day would be a full day of making hurdles, dead hedges and fences with the felled material. Create various structures to support gardening, improve wildlife habitat and teach green skills such as coppicing/dead hedge making.	£1000
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2. Rainwater Harvesting

At Vale Community Garden, to enable the Vale Community Gardening Group to be more self-sufficient with watering the garden, and to divert water that may otherwise contribute to flooding. This will also protect against droughts and hosepipe bans.

The proposed design is based around two IBC water tanks, with a timber frame and slanted corrugated roofing that allows rainwater to run into guttering and be stored in the tanks. The design also includes the pipes coming out of the tanks, to allow a hose to be attached or watering cans to be filled from the stored rainwater.

The approximate cost of this project would be £2240.76. Please note these costings are approximate and would need to be reviewed by the contractor employed to construct the rainwater harvesting system, so a contingency of 10% has been added to allow for additional unforeseen materials.

Investigations are taking place into exploring in-kind contributions from other organisations and companies (for example labour support in line with company's Corporate Social Responsibility remit), which would bring costs down, however these cannot be confirmed at this time.

A breakdown of the project costs is as follows:

Item	Total Cost (with Postage)
Reconditioned black IBC tank x2	£290
Materials (wood, roofing, postcrete, screws etc)	£387.06
Plumbing materials (gutter, pipes, taps etc)	£60
Labour	£1300
Contingency (10% of estimated costs)	£203.7

Proposal:

Option 1

That the committee selects one of the two proposals as their 2026/2027 project on the basis of impact and cost.

Option 2

The committee wish to do both projects and request the release of the shortfall from the Climate EMR.

Reason for proposal:

While the 'My Tree Promise' scheme that the Climate Emergency Committee has run for the last three years has been successful and well-loved in Todmorden, there is an appetite for a new project.

The two projects outlined above were selected by the Climate Emergency Committee from a list of proposals presented at the last Climate Emergency Committee Meeting.