Item 7 - Climate Emergency Newsletter

Supporting local climate action in Todmorden

Since the Climate Emergency Committee was formed, members have been keen to support local groups and organisations through grant funding. The Committee can approve grants of up to £1,250 to help fund projects that are dedicated to tackling the Climate Emergency and making a positive difference in our community.

We've been delighted to support a number of fantastic local projects in recent years.

Todmorden Community Energy has received two grants from the Committee. The first supported website development, allowing them to build greater awareness of their work, while most recently we contributed towards the installation of solar panels at the much-loved Todmorden Hippodrome, helping to improve energy efficiency and reduce running costs.

We also partnered with Todmorden Learning Centre and Community Hub, helping fund their 2025 Todmorden Tomorrow Festival, with the Town Council providing practical support too. With a focus on retrofit, the festival offered a range of workshops, activities and talks, raising awareness of the energy-efficiency improvements available and the benefits of retrofitting our homes.

3 Valley Vegans received a grant to deliver cooking demonstrations and workshops across Todmorden, showing just how affordable and accessible vegan cooking can be.

Last year, the Committee funded Annapurna, a company offering vibrant and imaginative Indian dance programmes, to deliver their environmental education project, *A Tree in Time*. Visiting schools across Todmorden, they performed a story inspired by the life of Indian environmentalist Saalumarada Thimmakka, who dedicated her life to planting more than 8,000 trees.

Cargodale received a grant to support their 2024 *On Yer E-Bike* festival. The event gave people the opportunity to test ride electric bikes, explore exhibits, meet local experts and even take advantage of free basic bike repairs and maintenance advice.

Most recently, the Committee approved funding for the Friends of Centre Vale Park's Wildlife Wetlands Project. The project aims to bring the wetland area of Centre Vale Park back to life as a thriving habitat for local wildlife. We can't wait to see it take shape!

Could your project be next?

We're always excited to hear about new, climate-focused projects happening in Todmorden. If you've got an idea that could make a difference, we'd love to hear from you.
Your idea could be the next one we help bring to life!