



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM

Organisation Name	Tod Support		
Date of Award	09/04/2025	Amount of Award	£3000
Total Actual Project Cost	£6000	Ref Number: <i>(office use only)</i>	Minute ref:

Purpose of Grant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall Hire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Delivery <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	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <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 <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility and Inclusivity – especially Dementia friendly <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.
<p>We succeeded in working with all the 7 primary schools in Todmorden. We received a total of £1776 from Reaps Moss Grantscape, £3000 from Todmorden Town Council and put the remaining £1464 in from Todsupport funds. All the monies were transferred to the schools on 2/7/25. We allocated moneys on the basis of children in the school receiving free School Meals. While all the schools had provision for 2nd hand school uniforms in primary years the amount and quality were poor due to the amount of wear and “spills” younger school children experience. Schools used different strategies for distribution, with some allocating an amount per child, one requesting parents to buy and recoup the costs (a not surprisingly poor take up in this instance, 9 out of 40) and another buying the clothes from a supplier and distributing them. In the last example a total of 143 items of clothing were bought and allocated to 60% of those children who were in a position to apply. Our target audience of pupils was 352 children who received Free School Meals, we know we have been very successful in some, and less so in others. At a meeting with the Heads in September we were told how incredibly helpful this money had been, not all of it has been spent yet, because many of the schools were holding some back for the winter months when they were intending to spend it on warm coats and shoes. We have had a range of written feedback from the schools, and we are still attempting to get more information from some, but from those that have responded it is apparent that this has been a really important and beneficial project for the children of Todmorden. One of the most important things will be to begin this project much earlier next year, by the time the money was transferred many of the schools were due to break up for summer holidays, we are aiming to begin in May next year. Most of the schools contacted those parents who had expressed interest, to determine what items of school uniform were required. They then purchased the items on their behalf. One of the schools asked parents to purchase the item of school uniform in the first instance, then they would be refunded by the school. In this latter case there was a very poor uptake of funds. In future, we will suggest that schools pay for the clothes in advance rather than asking very hard up parents to do so.</p>

All in all this has been a really successful project with a total of 62 children (on the figures we have got) benefiting, and we believe with some tweaking, we can help more next year.

Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	138
Volunteers engaged in project.	4
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.	138

Financial Summary of Project/Event	Expenditure	£6000	Income	£3000
<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.

When visiting the schools it has been explained to those members of staff involved that funding for part of the project has come from Todmorden Town Council. There will also be a short report published on the Tod Support web site.

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

As stated in the report, the financial assistance provided by the Council, to support those families in Todmorden who are in financial difficulty to provide new uniforms for their children has been very much appreciated. The support will continue into the winter months as some schools will continue to use the funds to provide assistance to provide winter clothes for those children in need. Feedback from the School Head teachers has been very positive, we will be continuing to work with the schools to assist them in supporting those families who are in financial difficulty using funding from our income from the Abraham Ormerod Trust and the War Memorial Fund.

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 use the interest, and drawdown of capital from the Abraham Ormerod Trust to provide support for families and individuals who live in Todmorden who are poor, in need and possibly in poor health. However, in an effort to reduce the reduction of the capital in those fund, we will continue to seek grant funding for specific projects such as the school uniform project. We have been successful in to securing grant funding from Reaps Moss to add to the Town Council's financial contribution.

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

NA

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.