



# TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

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Life has been hectic since May. I was elected Mayor of Todmorden a matter of days after winning a seat on the Town Council. I was both thrilled and bemused — and very grateful that Catherine and Sue, the lovely Town Clerks, have been there to support, advise and walk me through what has been a very steep learning curve. I have had to learn the role of Mayor as I've been going along, but I can honestly say that Tony and I are having a wonderful time. There are so many decent, interesting and lovely people to meet.

In a matter of months we have attended so many events, including Todmorden Agricultural Show — I had no idea there were so many varieties of sheep. Amongst other things, we have attended private previews at the Water Street Art Gallery and Creative with Nature; accepted invitations from Todmorden Rotary Club, Incredible Edible Todmorden and attended the wonderful centenary concert by Todmorden Orchestra.

*Cllr Steph Booth, Town Mayor*

## PAST MAYOR — CLLR MICHAEL GILL

Well, my term of office is over and 12 months has gone very quickly. Nikki and I attended a huge amount of events during our term. We were keen to visit the schools as much as possible, and to that end we attended sports days, summer fetes, Christmas parties, and judged school competitions. Our reward for putting this time into the schools was that local children considered us as friends that they could approach in town for a chat. Most events came from kind invitations from local organisations, and we were delighted to accept every event that we could fit in. There are so many skilled and dedicated people in our busy little town, often doing something for others rather than themselves — it was very humbling and made us incredibly proud of the community that we are part of.

There were many memorable events over the year; the re-dedication of the Memorial Garden Statues, joining the 20th Todmorden Scouts at Summer Camp, and our Candlelit Civic Service to name but a few! We also had the pleasure of attending several events in neighbouring towns and the opportunity to build good relations with our counterparts. We felt very privileged to wear our beautiful and historic chains of office, and to represent Todmorden.

I would like to thank all the people of Todmorden for the support that Nikki and I were given—it was the welcome and warmth that we received everywhere that made the job such a pleasure to do. Thank you all.

*Former Cllr M Gill*

## CITIZENSHIP FOR TODMORDEN AWARD 2015

The Town Council has presented Citizenship for Todmorden Awards again this year to recognise the commitment and valuable contribution shown by individuals and organisations for the benefit of the community of Todmorden. Two awards have been presented to two individuals for 2015; they are Keith Crabtree, and Rowena Goldthorpe.

**Keith Crabtree** was chosen for his dedicated work as one of the Todmorden Flood Group Flood Wardens. Keith works tirelessly to protect the community from the devastating effects of flooding by being on hand at all hours of the day to give out advice and information, and divert traffic away from affected routes. His professional background in dealing with flood aftermaths, combined with his local knowledge and his commitment to the role, have been of enormous benefit to the Town's people, local business and shops at times of impending flooding.

**Rowena Goldthorpe** was selected for her many years as a fund raiser and volunteer in the Town. She was a member of the Scout & Guide Movement for over 20 years, organising weekly meetings, providing activities for younger children, running weekend camps away and numerous International trips abroad for older members. Rowena took on the role of producer of the Todmorden Gang show. Her work included planning and rehearsals to provide 4 nights entertainment at the Hippodrome Theatre, which not only brought together over 80 members from the Calder Valley, but created business for the Town. She continues to raise money for many charitable causes.

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The following groups have been able to hold fund-raising events in the Town Hall following the agreement of the Town Council to refund the hire charges to Calderdale Council:

Todmorden Society for the Blind - Event £79.95  
Todmorden Orchestra - Event £652.24  
Age UK - Event £71.13  
Churches Together in Todmorden - Event £103.68  
Todmorden Choral Society - Event £695.02  
Alternatiba Todmorden - Event £759.04

Community Grants have recently been awarded to:

Todmorden Tourist Information Centre - £16,400.00  
Diana Award Anti Bullying Programme - £2,500.00  
St Mary's Parochial Church - £4,000.00  
Heptonstall Exhibition Charity - £1,000.00  
Richard Naylor Charity - £1,000.00  
Radius - £1,000.00

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## RECENT WORK OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

### New Administration

Following the Election in the Spring, the Town Council welcomes the new Council Administration including 14 new Council Members. Many congratulations to all 14 new Councillors who have taken up the civic office to represent Todmorden.

### Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

The Town Council continues to part-fund two PCSOs who work in Todmorden. Their work involves focusing on Town Centre anti-social behaviour, multi agency days of action, the running of local crime prevention stalls, drop-in centres, and assisting with community events. They also provide a valuable role in providing a visible and reassuring uniformed presence in the Town, and are a visible presence in local schools.

### Canal Towpaths and Bridges

The Town Council continues to pursue the Manchester and Pennine Waterways Authority, liaising with Waterways engineers and Inspectors, for action on canal towpaths, interfaces, bridges and footbridges in order to preserve this important and well used historic amenity in Todmorden.