

***Incredible Edible: Yorkshire town's food-growing scheme takes root worldwide - 9 May, 2018***

On this cold spring morning, a deep mist hangs over Todmorden. The birdsong and a few flowers are the only signs of spring.

A group of 20 volunteers from the Yorkshire town who are carrying spades, trowels and litter pickers do not mind about the weather. They give out instructions on which patch to work on while children, some only three years old, are given high-vis jackets with the name 'Incredible Edible' on the back. These are Todmorden's community gardeners, a group of food freedom fighters who've been planting in this town for a decade.

It's a simple idea: take over unused or unattractive bits of public land to plant food to feed the community. What is not so simple is where they're doing it. Todmorden is an old mill town in Yorkshire's Calderdale valley. It rains a lot, there's not a lot of sun and it has experienced major flooding in recent years. But the town's residents continue to grow fruit and vegetables as best they can for locals to pick and eat.

Since a group of a dozen residents began gardening in March, 2008, hundreds of people from around the UK and abroad have travelled here to see how the "Toddies" do it. The word spread through the media and IET committee members touring to give talks. They've had calls and visitors from New Zealand, Japan, France and Germany, and there are now 500 community food growing groups across the world using the Incredible Edible name.

According to the article, what is the weather like in Todmorden?  
What are the only signs of spring?  
How many volunteers were there?  
What 3 things were they carrying?  
How old were some of the children?  
What were they given to wear?  
What did it say on the back of the jacket?  
What are these community gardeners also known as?  
How long have they been planting food in the town?  
What is the general idea behind the group?  
What is unique about the place where they are doing it?  
When did the project start and how many people were in the original group?  
How many people have now been to Todmorden to see how it works?  
How many community food growing groups are there now with the same name?