

# TG'S TIMELINE

How Townswomen's Guilds have developed over time

Organised campaigns began for women to have the right to vote

**1865**



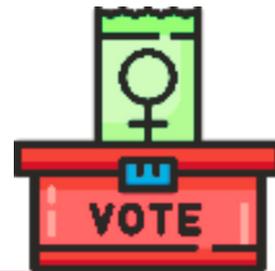
**COURAGE  
CALLS TO  
COURAGE  
EVERYWHERE**

**1897**

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies formed, led by Millicent Fawcett. As a Suffragist she worked within the law to bring about change.

All women over the age of 21 were given the vote.

**1928**



**1929**

TG started in 1929 as The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies

During the war years the Government asked the NUTG to encourage married women who were not eligible for National Service to work locally, part time, to release others for war work.

**World  
War II**



**1950's**

Guilds and Federations joined in the Festival of Britain celebrations. It was at this time that it was decided that Townswomen were able to campaign on national affairs



Members campaigned on issues such as environmental pollution, mixed-sex wards, nuclear power, food additives, prescription charges and carer' rights.

**1960's,  
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and  
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The National Union of Townswomen's Guilds became Townswomen's Guilds.

**1989**



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Nearly £200,000 was raised to plant trees in 6 new woods, to help the environment and to replace trees lost in storms in the Late 1980s.

Members continued campaigning on issues such as single person supplements, human trafficking, banking, banning FGM and modern slavery.

**1990's  
and  
2000's**



**2017**

A TG memorial was commissioned for the National Memorial Arboretum.

We celebrated our 90th Birthday.

**2019**



**2020**

Lockdown was a difficult time but TG rallied and started Townswomen's Internet Groups via the TG Website.