



What is Local Trust?

Local Trust is the national organisation running Big Local. Big Local funding comes from a £200m + investment from the Big Lottery Fund. Local Trust's mission is to enable people to make their communities better places to live. They do this by helping them develop and use their skills and confidence to identify what matters most to them, and to take action to change things for the better, now and in the future. They provide a mix of funding and support to enable long-term sustainable change, maximise impact and make the best use of resources.

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What can you do?

- ♦ Fill in a questionnaire
- ♦ Leave comments on our Facebook page
- ♦ Tweet us
- ♦ Join our meetings
- ♦ Volunteer to help
- ♦ Share your skills and talents
- ♦ Tell your friends and neighbours about Big Local
- ♦ Invite us to your group meetings
- ♦ Support our forthcoming activities

**With your help we
can make Boston a
better place!**

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**How would
you spend
£1 million
on
Boston?**

It's up to you!



Boston Big Local

What is Big Local?

Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas around England to use at least £1 million to make a lasting positive difference to their communities. It's about bringing together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.

Boston has been selected as one of these areas and we are in the early stages of applying for the first installment from the £1 million to help the people of Boston.

Who are the key people?

You are! Unlike lots of big initiatives, this is about putting residents in charge. Everybody in our area can input on the plans and decisions. We get access to lots of support, including a Big Local rep, but this is basically your shout.

Exploring our Big Local Vision

This is about thinking through how our area might change for the better.

- ♦ What do people like now?
- ♦ What should change?
- ♦ What can we do to build on what is already good about our area and the existing talents, skills and abilities of people locally?

Creating the Big Local plan

Soon we shall be moving from a range of visions and ideas to a shared long-term vision and plan. Our plan needs to build on what is already good about our area, provide community-wide benefit, and respond to local needs.

Delivering our Big Local plan

Delivering our agreed plan will involve a range of activities, such as creating a small grants programme for our area, using 'social investment' loans, and paying for specialist services like training.

What it's not about

- ♦ It's **NOT** about the government or a national organisation telling you what to do.
- ♦ It's **NOT** about individual groups fixing their favourite problem without talking to a wide range of different people who live and work in their community.
- ♦ It's **NOT** about short-term thinking – we've got 10 years or more to plan and deliver the best options for our area.

Our Big Local Partnership

A Big Local partnership has been formed to guide the overall direction of Big Local in Boston and has been hard at work for several months. A diverse range of residents and local organisations has already been actively involved, **but we would like more.**

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