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Theme 2 – Creating a more attractive environment

Priority 3 – Improve local amenities and open spaces in Boston Big Local area

Activity 3 – Improvement to two play areas. Build a two day summer beach and provide activities.

CODE 2.3.3

Progress:

Play Area One – Central Park

Consultation with the community took place and it was put forward that the play panels in Central Park were no longer serviceable and needed to be replaced with modern, colourful panels. Also suggested was provision of inclusive equipment for children with disabilities.

Boards were displayed at 2 of the 4 Plan preview – public events at Blenkin Memorial Hall and Black Sluice Cottages for the community to view the plans.

Installation of a Rock and Bowl duel axis roundabout and two play panels- Make it rain and Twist Bearing Run were installed during the closure of Central Park from 01/06/15 to 11/06/15 and Central Park Play Area re-opened on 16th June 2015.

Cost: £5653.00 +VAT

Photographs of installation of Rock and Bowl roundabout



Empty space



Eco-tumble surfacing



Rock and Bowl installation



Children at the opening on 16/06/2015 enjoying their new play experience in the Rock and Bowl duel axis roundabout.

Photographs of the installation of the Make it Rain and Twist Bearing Run Play Panels



Old play panels dug out



Installation of the new play panels





Children at the opening on the 16/06/2015 enjoying the challenge of the new play panels

Comments by Parents and Children:

“The play area is so much more inviting”

“I like the new bowl you sit in”

“ WOW! It is such an improvement, it looks bigger. We come in here all the time so I am really pleased to see some different equipment”.

“The surfacing is really bouncy”

“I like the new play boards”

REVAMP: £40,000 fund pot puts the fun back into facilities

ABC tots put play park to the test

Excited children from a Grace Newton nursery have officially unveiled £40,000 of new play equipment in Central Park.

The equipment includes two play pieces suitable for children with disabilities, while the playground has been designed to give youngsters an exciting and challenging play experience.

The project also included resurfacing the pathways and the perimeter. Boston Borough Council and the Boston Town Area Committee joined forces with Boston Big Local and Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd to fund a revamp of the play area.

The youngsters from ABC day nursery enjoyed testing out the new rides during a visit there.

"Central Park play area is the most used of all play areas, accessed by children and young people of all ages," said Frances Taylor, the council's play and activities officer.

"The new surfacing gives the area a fresh new look and makes it a much more inviting and safer place to play. The new pieces of equipment offer children more challenging and ex-

the children, and make their outings here far more enjoyable."

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"There will also be improvements to St John's, Buttess Pit, Shelton's Field and Woodville Road play areas as part of the £173,000 scheme.

"It's money well spent, the children seem to be enjoying themselves and the surfaces are of a much better quality."

"The children were clearly delighted the new equipment, and relished the opportunity to show them off," added.

Cllr Peter Bedford, leader of the council, said: "The new surfaces have made so much of a difference, looking tidier and safer. The installation of this equipment will enhance the play experience for

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New play equipment officially unveiled

New play equipment at Boston's Central Park costing around £40,000 has been given the official thumps up from those who will be using it - kids!

The upgrade forms the first part of a £173,000 investment across the borough.

The equipment was installed by Wicksteed Playgrounds and financed by WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited), BBL (Boston Big Local), BTAC (Boston Town Area Committee) and Boston Borough Council.

New safety resurfacing was also installed.

Frances Taylor, Boston Borough Council's play and activities officer, said: "The new pieces of equipment offer children more challenging and exciting play experiences and will encourage them to be more physically active whilst having fun.



Launch of the new play equipment in Central Park, Boston.

"Two of the new pieces of equipment are inclusive to children with disabilities, the rock and bowl duel axis roundabout is designed to allow children to lay inside the bowl and experience spinning and rocking motions whilst the Donkey Springer has a raised back for extra support."

The equipment was 'officially launched' with the help of youngsters from ABC day nursery and park visitors.

Rachel Lauberts, BBL plan

co-ordinator, said: "It is so nice to see some evidence that we are making a difference for people in Boston."

Coun Peter Bedford, regional panel member of WREN and leader of Boston Borough Council, said: "The children were clearly delighted with the new equipment, and relished the opportunity to show it off."

Garfits Lane play area is having new equipment installed; a new climbing frame

for older children, roundabout, stepping stones, balance beam, basket swing, zip wire, cradle swings, a roundabout with wheelchair access, play unit, spring rides including one to take up to six children and a picnic bench and table.

There will also be improvements to St John's, Burgess Pit, Shelton's Field and Woodville Road play areas.

Coun Claire Rylott, the council's portfolio holder for grounds and open spaces, said: "In total £173,000 will have been spent on these improvements over the borough, representing a significant investment in the health and wellbeing of four young people.

"Play equipment does suffer from normal wear and tear and reaches the point where the only solution is to replace it. I hope this investment will address some of the concerns expressed recently about the condition of some of the play equipment."

Updates on other activities:

Tarmac and Basketball Hoop

Tarmac area under the existing Gooseneck Basketball Hoop on **Woodville Road Play Area** and install new Gooseneck Basketball Hoop and tarmac area in **Central Park** Boston:

Prices sourced and contractor awarded to undertake the request - Vere Bros.

Gooseneck Hoop purchased for **Central Park**, this will be installed at the same time tarmac is laid in Central Park by same contractor – Vere Bros

These works will be completed in July 2015

Cost: £6880.00 +VAT

Two Day “Summer Beach”

Central Park August 12th and 13th 2015 from 10am – 3pm

Several meetings have taken place which has resulted in several local organisations agreeing to provide various activities at no charge to Boston Big Local these are to be given **FREE** by all concerned to enhance the two day event further.

These FREE activities are:

“Beach” themed art and craft materials provided by **Boston Borough Council – Family Action** will provide staffing for these activities over the two days.

Toddler Play area – soft play and water play along with “bubbles” – provided by **Children’s Centres**

Two Bouncy Castles and water based tattoos – provided by **Mayflower Housing**

Fun games – Beach volley ball and beach football – provided by **Boston United in the Community** team

Cost: Nil

Funding from Boston Big Local will provide

Construction of “Beach” area approximately 9m x 8m – Contractor –IGC Ground-works and Construction Ltd

Cost: £3540.00 +VAT

Donkey Rides – Scratby Donkeys to bring 3 donkeys.

Cost: £1000.00

Punch and Judy Shows – Boogieland Entertainments – Paul Douglas

Cost: £350.00

Bookworms Interactive Street Performances – Transported Art

Cost: £500.00

First Aid cover – St John Ambulance

Cost: £264+VAT

Total for “Beach” themed two day event £5654.00+VAT

Grand Total for all activities for Theme 2, Priority3, Activity 3 = £18,187 +VAT

Contingency budget for project £813.00

TOTAL £19,000

BOSTON BIG LOCAL – Two Day event

Central Park

Meeting Thursday 25th June 2015 Princess Royal Sports Arena

10am 12 noon

BEACH FUN DAY

August 12th and 13th August 2015

10am – 3pm

AGENDA

ACTIVITIES

BEACH AREA 9 x 7 m

PUNCH AND JUDY

DONKEY RIDES

BEACH VOLLEY BALL

TATTOO TRANSFERS

ART AND CRAFT

BOUNCY CASTLES

TRANSPORTED ARTS “BOOKWORMS”

FUN SPORTS

FIRST AID

LOST CHILDREN

PCSO'S

DBS, CRB CHECKS

HEALTH AND SAFETY

RISK ASSESSMENTS

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Next meeting Princess Royal Sports Arena, Great Fen Road, Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 7PB

9:30am Monday 20th July 2015

If any of the members from Boston Big Local would like to join us please take this information as an invite.

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