

BOSTON BIG LOCAL

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| Project: | | Enhancing horticultural displays in Boston town centre and carrying out landscaping improvements along the Haven Bridge corridor | |
| Lead delivery partner: | | Boston Borough Council | |
| Theme: | Creating a more attractive environment | Priority: | 2 |
| Activity: | Planters and landscaping improvements | | |
| <p>Project outcomes (from SLA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 public spaces improved • 16 new town centre planters • Number of volunteers supporting initiatives, planned activity and businesses/organisation • Additional investment secured • Number of local crafts people or volunteers used to create features | | | |
| Reporting period dates: | April – June 2016 | Number and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period: | Wide benefit – significant impact on both residents and visitors |
| <p>Introduction</p> <p>Aim: -</p> <p>Working with the Boston in Bloom campaign to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the environment and townscape • Build civic pride • Encourage community and business involvement • Improve the attractiveness of the town to residents and visitors, encouraging more repeat visits <p>The main focus of our activity is on enhancing the horticultural displays in the town</p> | | | |

centre and carrying out landscaping improvements alongside the Haven Bridge corridor, a busy transport corridor.

Activities undertaken during reporting period – No change from previous period

| | Activities completed | Contract target April 2015 – March 2016 | Comments |
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| Number of new planters installed and planted | <p>Promenade planters – Memorial Gardens (x2), Strait Bargate (x4) & Ingram Memorial (x1)</p> <p>Barrier baskets – Ingram Memorial (x3)</p> <p>Octagonal planters, including 3 tier – Boots (x5)</p> <p>Floral fountain – Prezzo (x1)</p> | <p>16 planters</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> | <p>Formed part of the 2016 Bloom judging route</p> |
| Haven Bridge corridor improvements | <p>Pilgrims' Patch – 60 bergenia (elephants ears) planted by Bloom volunteers</p> <p>Urban meadow – 10 tonnes of free soil provided by Vere Bros and moved by volunteers</p> <p>Doughty Quay transformed by volunteers to provide new pollinator-friendly planting as part of the Greening Grey Britain Campaign</p> | <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>UNDER REVIEW – FURTHER MODIFICATIONS PLANNED</p> <p>ALMOST COMPLETED</p> | <p>Official opening on 1/05/16</p> <p>Some additional planting may be carried out</p> <p>Meadow sign sponsorship secured</p> <p>Supported by the Royal Horticultural Society and Western Power Distribution.</p> |

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| <p>Public spaces improved</p> | <p>1. Boston Town Centre (Bargate and Market Place)</p> <p>2. Pilgrims' Patch improvements</p> <p>3. B & M Open Space</p> <p>4. Urban meadow, Haven Bridge</p> <p>5. Doughty Quay pollinator-friendly border</p> | <p>Target: 3 spaces improved</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>FLOWERING, BUT FURTHER MODIFICATIONS PLANNED</p> <p>ALMOST COMPLETED</p> | <p>Boston Town Centre – 16 new planters delivered, installed and planted</p> <p>Scheme completed by Boston Greenscapers</p> <p>Community mosaic unveiled on 19/05/16 to raise awareness of dementia. Developed by Memory Lane.</p> <p>Tidy-up carried out before Bloom judging with help of HMP North Sea Camp</p> <p>More soil to be imported; species mix and management to be reviewed</p> <p>Information board to be added, drafted by RHS</p> <p>Remainder of site to be gravelled and planting reinforced.</p> |
| <p>Additional funding and support secured</p> | <p>Community mosaic funding – LCC (£2,610), Boston Borough Council (£1,300), Witham Central & Carlton Road Neighbourhood Action Group (£390) + BBL (£1,000)</p> | | <p>Mosaic well received</p> |

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| | <p>10 tonnes of free soil from Vere Bros (contractors) for urban meadow</p> <p>Sponsorship of meadow sign (£250) by Cllr Pierpoint</p> <p>Maude's jewellers sponsorship of Memorial Gardens planting (£100)</p> <p>Pelo & Eden hairdressers sponsorship of The Stump flowerbed (£100)</p> <p>Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Greening Grey Britain funding of £500 for Doughty Quay</p> <p>£200 community grant from Western Power Distribution for Doughty Quay</p> <p>Free bark for mulching at B&M – E. Sterma & Son</p> | | |
| Use of local companies | <p>All Signs, Boston</p> <p>Johnsons Garden Centre</p> <p>Jackson Buildbase, Boston</p> <p>E. Sterma & Son,</p> | | <p>Production and installation of urban meadow sign</p> <p>Purchase of pollinator-friendly plants</p> <p>Bulk bags of gravel</p> <p>Tree work at B&M</p> |

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| Number of volunteers supporting activities | <p>Assisting with tidying of B&M area</p> <p>Clearance and mulching of Doughty Quay; maintenance of Pilgrims' Patch</p> <p>Planting of Doughty Quay</p> <p>Preparing planting displays at The Stump and Memorial Gardens</p> | Not specified | <p>HMP North Sea Camp working parties</p> <p>Community Payback team</p> <p>Thistles Nursery and Bloom volunteers</p> <p>3 Bloom volunteers St. George's Preparatory School</p> |
| Other Information:- | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Midlands in Bloom judging scheduled for 8th July 2016 • Finalist in the community category of the Lincolnshire Environmental Awards, panel chaired by Dr. David Bellamy • Boston in Bloom has agreed to work with the local Rotary Club to participate in a campaign to plant 5 million purple crocuses as part of Greening Grey Britain and in support of Rotary's 'Purple Polio' campaign | | | |
| Timescales:- | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review urban meadow by November 2016 • Plant purple crocuses by December 2016 • Support one more public realm improvement by March 2017 | | | |
| Plans for next reporting period | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure planters and planting schemes are looking good for East Midlands in Bloom judging • Finalise information board for Doughty Quay • Discuss further public realm improvements with Transported | | | |
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