

## BOSTON BIG LOCAL

<b>Project:</b>		Public Realm Improvements	
<b>Lead delivery partner:</b>		Boston Borough Council/Boston in Bloom	
<b>Theme:</b>	Creating a more attractive environment	<b>Priority:</b>	2
<b>Activity:</b>	Enhancement of town centre horticultural displays and improvement of the waterway environment through high quality public realm interventions		
<p>Project outcomes (from SLA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 high quality public realm improvements</li> <li>• Improved habitat for wildlife, particularly pollinating insects</li> <li>• Improvement in civic pride through the celebration of Boston's history and community engagement</li> <li>• Broadening of the skills and ambition of local artists through participation in the Buoys project</li> <li>• Enhancement of the visitor offer and experience, making Boston more appealing as a destination</li> </ul>			
<b>Reporting period dates:</b>	Sept - Dec 2017	<b>Number and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period:</b>	Wide benefit – significant impact on both residents and visitors
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Aim: -</b></p> <p>For 2017-19 the focus is on improving the public realm by working with Transported, the Boston and South Holland arts organisation, the Port of Boston and community groups.</p> <p>The main focus is on the Tawney Street entrance to Central Park and improvements to the waterways which celebrate the history of the town. Community and business engagement is a central feature of the projects, which will provide a lasting legacy for the future.</p>			

**Activities undertaken during reporting period**

	<b>Activities completed</b>	<b>Contract target April 2017– March 2019</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Art Deco style garden (to mark forthcoming centenary of purchase of Central Park by the Corporation)</b>	<p>Art Deco style Garden completed at Tawney Street entrance. Central sculpture designed and installed by Jeni Cairns, award winning RHS garden designer. Four multi-stemmed birches planted by Parks team.</p> <p>Official opening held on 10 November 2017</p>	<p>Completion of garden</p> <p><b>COMPLETED NOVEMBER 2017</b></p>	<p>‘Dancing Seagulls’ sculpture entirely funded by The Coaching Inn Group (previously reported). Total project cost £15,000.</p> <p>Publicised in Boston Standard and on Boston Borough Council website</p> <p>Attended by representatives of BBL, Transported, Borough Council, Boston in Bloom, project sponsors and community volunteers</p>
<b>Pollinator-friendly border, overlooking the river near Haven Bank</b>	<p>Skimmia and hellebores planted in first raised bed to add winter colour. Mixed alliums planted to add late spring colour and to encourage pollinators</p>	<p>Completion of pollinator-friendly planting scheme</p>	<p>Entire project scheduled for completion by March/April 2018.</p>
<b>Boston Buoys project</b>	<p>Redundant navigation buoys secured and stored safely at the Port</p>	<p>Deliver Boston Buoys project</p>	

	Arts Council funding application underway  Artist Brief for the Buoys project completed  Crane hire and transport costs obtained		Shortlisting of artists scheduled to take place in February 2018
<b>Additional funding and support secured</b>	Boston Bulbs  Dudley Bryant and Ralph Ottey		Mixed Alliums donated and planted in raised bed and Central Park garden  £600 funding provided to purchase four multi-stemmed Betula Jacquemontii for the garden
<b>Use of local companies</b>	B&Q, Boston	Not specified	Plants
<b>Additional information:-</b>			
Agreed that the finished Art Deco Garden and pollinator-friendly raised beds will feature on 2018 Boston in Bloom judging route.			
<b>Plans for next reporting period</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear remainder of the raised beds, add permeable liner to minimise future maintenance and start planting</li> <li>• Complete Arts Council funding application for Boston Buoys project</li> <li>• Shortlist artists for Boston Buoys project</li> </ul>			