

BOSTON BIG LOCAL

Hanse Group

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| Project: | | Encouraging enterprise | |
| Lead delivery partner: | | Hanse Group | |
| Theme: | Bringing local history to the residents by joining the new Hanseatic League | Priority: | |
| Activity: | Increasing the knowledge of Boston's historical links with the Hanseatic League | | |
| Cost Code | 4.2.1 | | |
| <p>Project outcomes (from SLA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acting as the focal point for information about and support for Boston and the new Boston Hanse Group. ● Encouraging and fostering research into Boston's Hanseatic past. ● Partnership working to improve tourist information about Hanseatic history ● Develop a Hanse trail and audio guide ● Public information boards ● Guide training ● Blue plaque placement ● Preparation for the 2018 Hanse Tag, working with Kings Lynn, giving support and advice to delegates ● Support the creation of 'Hanse Scholarships' in the schools and college with a view to Boston representation at the Youth Hanse ● Foster interest in the New Hanse in the migrant community and foster a sense of belonging | | | |
| Reporting period dates: | October to December 2017 | Number and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period: | – The resident community and 17 to 25 year olds in Boston High School, Grammar School and the College |
| Introduction | | | |

Aim: -

- Continuing membership of the New Hanse
- Building civic pride
- Encourage community and business involvement

The main focus of our activity is to introduce the people of Boston to its history and explain the benefits of a wider partnership, not only with other towns and cities but also other countries.

Activities undertaken during reporting period

| | Activities completed | Contract target April 2017 – December 2018 | Comments |
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| Work with transported Arts | Met the CEO of the Arts Council during his visit to Boston. Display showing the first Boston banner | April 2017 to April 2018 | He was interested in our project using art to encourage residents to get involved in history. |
| Boston Unfurled | Preparing for the exhibition in January at the Guildhall of standards and banners | | Using Boston materials in preparation for our residents' classes making banners and flags for Boston events and abroad |
| Posters for residents' involvement in 'Boston Unfurled' | Translations obtained in Polish and Lithuanian. | | Publicity for event |
| Work with Kings Lynn Hanse Group/U3A | Visit from Kings Lynn to learn more about Boston and its history | | Group hosted a tea for the members |
| BBL | Discussion with BBL and colleagues re future of funding. | | Small display |
| Heritage Lincolnshire | Archaeological investigations. | Site visit and contact with an expert archaeologist | Heritage Lincs and Lincs CC heritage keen to get involved . |
| Heritage Lottery | Our archeology member training in Nottingham re a | | Bath Gardens site. |

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| | lottery application for the exploration searching for the Hanse warehouse | | |
| Youth Hanse | Starting recruitment for new hanse students and adult Hanse member | | Recruited a retired teacher as student leader. Visiting College and schools in January to talk to students. |
| Rostock | Registered Boston For Rostock June International meeting | | |
| BBL | Successful in applying for a Community Grant for Boston's international Day May 29 th 2018 | | Complete details for BBL |
| BBL | Meeting with researcher for Big Local looking into the use of heritage in the context of community development. | | Met Carey Newsom and gave her Boston Hanse publications. Took her around Boston and put the Wash into context. |
| Finance | Sent accounts to accountant for audit. | | |
| Partnership working | Continue the successful working with Transported Arts, Boston Heritage Forum and Heritage Lincs | | |
| Publicity and sales | Our publications are now being sold at Waterstones Boston, in the Heritage Centre Jews House LIncoln | | Nottingham University have asked for copies. |
| Internet activity | Reviewed and updated Boston Hanse web site | | http://www.bostonhanse.co.uk/ |

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| | working. Updating the Boston entry on the multilingual international site | | http://www.hanse.org/hanestaedte/boston |
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Plans for the next reporting period and timescales

AGM February 1st 2018

Continue work on selling our publications and on the history. Strengthen links with local business and with the Borough. Continue our work with the Youth Hanse.

Prepare for the flags exhibition in the Guildhall January/February 2018

Continue working towards the HLF bid (March) and dig in September