

Our vision is for a happy vibrant area where people feel a sense of belonging

NEWSLETTER

Boston Big Local

Residents Leading Change



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A SWING FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY

In Central Park, Boston on the 4th May the new swing for children with a disability was officially opened. The event was attended by pupils and staff from John Fielding Community Special School along with all the people and groups that enabled the swing to happen.

Richard Gamman, Head Teacher at John Fielding said "I can see the children at our school using the park much more frequently now the swing has been installed. It has opened the park to our children. I would like to take this opportunity to say that we are extremely grateful to all those who made it happen."

Those groups, along with us at BBL, who made it happen were Local Hope who did a fantastic job raising over £12k through car boot sales, fun days and a kind donation of £1k from Chestnut Homes.

None of this could have happened without the permission from BTAC or the work put in by Fran Taylor at Boston Borough Council.

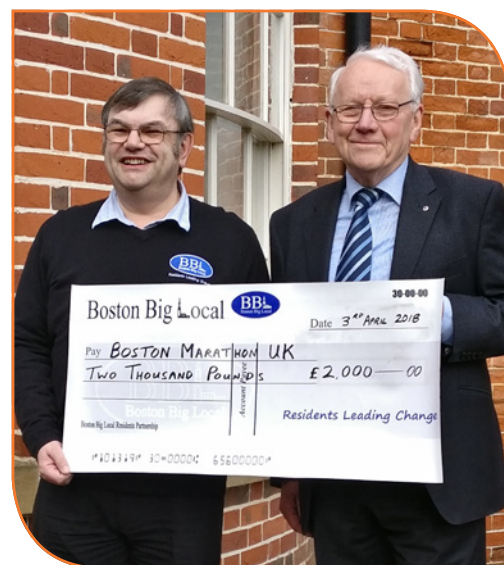
As the Boston Big Local group, we are so pleased that we were able to help with a donation of around £7k to this project which is part of our £19k investment in increasing play opportunities in the Boston Town Center Area over a two-year period.

From the first child to play on the swing, with his smile and joy, it was clear it had more than paid for itself in less than a minute. Everything now, moving forward with the swing, is a bonus.

A big thank you to all involved and we are pleased to have played our part in opening the park to more people.

OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE BOSTON MARATHON UK

Boston Big Local continues to support the Boston Marathon UK, which this year was held on 15 April. This year we have provided £2,000 of sponsorship for the event, which offers the flattest marathon in the UK. The route map shows a rise of only 11.2 feet between the highest and lowest points on the route.



Every entrant that finished either the full or half marathon or the fun run received a t-shirt and a medal.

If you are feeling fit or would like to get fit in preparation for next year's event to be held on the 14th April 2019 please sign up at www.bostonmarathon.co.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

- 5 July - Bike Night in Boston Town Centre
- 27 July - Cycling Road Show in the Marketplace
- 10 Aug - Active Boston in Central Park
- 16 - 17 Aug - Beach Event in Central Park

We are proud to have funded or part funded these events!



Our 3rd Birthday Celebrations.



On Thursday 10th of May at the Len Medlock Centre we celebrated our 3rd Birthday with many people who have been a part of the Boston Big Local journey.

The celebration was opened by Rachel Lauberts the Boston Big Local (BBL) Plan Co-ordinator, who introduced Richard Tory, The BBL Chair to offer his thanks, welcome and overview of the past year.

To help our celebrations we had invited 4 guest speakers to share how we at BBL had helped them with their projects to make Boston a better place in line with our **four themes**:

- 1. Health and Wellbeing**
- 2. A More Attractive Environment**
- 3. Build Community Spirit**
- 4. Encouraging Enterprise**

Our speakers were, Kathryn Sperring from LCC, to discuss Aquafit. The second speaker, Jen Moore from Boston Borough Council shared how over the last 2 years we have worked together to help keep the town tidier. Fran Taylor, also from Boston Borough Council, spoke next about the parks and open spaces. Our final speaker of the day, Alison Fariman, shared the great success of the Boston Hanse Group.

Our birthday event concluded with the presentation of the first ever BBL Delivery Partner of the Year Award for outstanding contribution and delivering above and beyond the expectation of all at BBL. The residents of the Boston Big Local panel were pleased to choose Fran Taylor.



Richard Tory proudly presented Fran with her award before thanking everybody for attending and inviting all to tuck into the buffet before cutting our 3rd birthday cake to round off a lovely afternoon of reflection of what we have achieved and optimism for what we can do moving forward.

Interview with Fran Taylor.

Q1. Well done Fran, How do you feel having been awarded Boston Big Local Delivery Partner of the year?

It came as a great surprise to be awarded Boston Big Local Delivery Partner of the Year and I feel honoured to be thought of as worthy of the award. I may be the cog that brings everything together, but there are many others who help along the way who I really enjoy working alongside to achieve what I want to achieve for our community.

Q2. Can you tell us a little about your job role at Boston Borough Council?

I have a very varied role with Boston Borough Council including managing events, health, sport and play activities. It is my role to encourage the community to take part and attend what I am able to offer them, bringing our community together, improving health and well being and lessening isolation whilst providing fun and enjoyable times for young children through to the elderly.

Q3. How has Boston Big Local (BBL) helped you in your job role?

Boston Big Local has helped me achieve so many changes including bringing into our play areas new equipment to give children and young people the opportunity to challenge themselves whilst enjoy playing outside. Allowing families to attend FREE family events that they may not have had chance to do otherwise, allowing them make new friends and experience opportunities

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that are available on their doorstep. The Beach event has been so popular and has made a huge difference to families that come along. You only have to read the comments to see what it means to everyone that attends.

Q4. What has been your favourite or most rewarding project that you worked with BBL on?

That is a very difficult question but I have to say the beach events for families is one of my favourite as they bring so much joy to all. To simply see children kick off their shoes and socks and play on the beach is amazing. All the excitement of riding on the donkeys, bouncing on the bouncy castles, creating art and craft pieces, playing fun sports and being mesmerized by the magician puts a smile on everyone's faces and because it is FREE makes a huge difference those families who may not otherwise be able to take their children to the beach for various reasons. This event brings so many people together to all take part in a wonderful experience over two days. Now with the decision to leave the beach area in situ for the whole of the summer holidays gives families the opportunity to visit whenever they like.

The Inclusive swing in Central Park which is a fantastic piece of play equipment would have to also be at the top of my list. At the opening of the new swing area to see children in their wheelchairs swinging was a picture and to hear them laughing and giggling was amazing. For some of the children this was the first time they had been on a swing so that was really rewarding to be part of that experience.

Again I loved organising the 1940's event last year which brought the whole Community together so I am really looking forward to being able to bring that back to all again this year. This is also a FREE event so it is inclusive to all and no one is left out. The age range at this event is from the very young to the elderly all spending time together and enjoying the brilliant atmosphere.

Q5. Is it possible that any of your projects would not have happened without the funding from the residents at BBL?

Yes it is. The Beach Events have all been funded by BBL and along with the "in-kind" support from organisations that provide more activities. They would not have happened otherwise.

The play areas would not have the new added play equipment or the

new surfacing which has seen our play areas now looking really inviting and has allowed all year round play.

Q6. What differences do feel BBL has made to Boston in its first 3 years?

In the last 3 years BBL has made a huge difference to Boston in many different ways, too many to list but for example those that were described at the 3rd Birthday Party.

Q7. Any other comments you may wish to add.

I would just like to thank BBL for managing the whole project overall so well, and to thank you all for providing the Community of Boston with such amazing opportunities and improvements for all to enjoy.

May it long continue!



Our Local Events Grant of between £1500 and £4500...

...is available to support new and existing events that bring people together and build community spirit in the Boston Big Local area.

Learn more at www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/community-events-grant/



The Community Chest Is Now Open!



COMMUNITY CHEST FUND

Are you a group based in Boston Town Centre?

Does your group need some financial support?

If so, we can help.



www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/community-chest/

The residents at Boston Big Local are pleased to announce the relaunch of our community chest fund.

If you are a group based in the centre of Boston or have attendees from the town centre area you can apply for funding of up to £1500.

The Community Chest will support groups with the following:

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| » Volunteer travel expenses. | » Publicity materials. |
| » Purchase of equipment. | » Hiring of equipment. |
| » Replacement of equipment. | » Insurance costs up to £350. |
| » Hiring of venues for group meetings, events or training | » Training courses for volunteers. |



How to apply.

Go to bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/community-chest to learn more and download a Community Chest application form and Guidance notes. The notes also explain what will happen once your application has been submitted.

The deadline for applications for the next round of funding is Saturday 7 July 2018.

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