



Report by Frances Taylor
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Boston Borough Council
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FINAL REPORT

Theme 2 –

Erect a beach area in Central Park

Deliver a two day summer beach event including various activities.

CODE 2.3.3

£7800

Golden Oldies

The first of our Beach Themed events took place on 13th August 2018 2pm - 4pm

Our more elderly residents (38 in total) gathered around the beach and joined us for a two hour session of singing and beach games.

The 78 DJ provided music with two wonderful original gramophones playing 78 records from long time past.

All who attended were given song sheets so everyone was able to sing along.

Ancaster Court singing group came along which added real volume to the occasion.

After the singing several took part in the beach games such as Giant Hoopla, Boules and a few even built a sandcastle or simply relaxed in the deck chairs.

Everyone enjoyed a really fun afternoon which I hope to repeat next year.

Tom who attended said "It is lovely that "us" oldies have been included in an event and the session was organised for our ages, I have had a great time. I haven't been to the beach for years!"

Janet who came along to be with others said "I live on my own so I have really enjoyed this today, thank you."





Two Day Beach Event

The two day event took place on 16th and 17th August 2018

10am – 3pm each day

Once again several organisations came together to provide a fun filled two day event for all residents.

By networking together brings Bigger and Better events and brilliant outcomes.

All organisations bring their individual activities for FREE and together with what Boston Big Local's grant funded, all that attended had two brilliant days.

Despite Thursday's weather being against us with heavy rain in the morning by lunchtime the rain stopped and the event then began. A smaller crowd than usual of approximately 350 came into the park and those who did venture out had a lovely afternoon.

Friday however saw the usual crowds (around 2000) flock to the park and with the sun shining, picnics were soon spread on the ground and everyone stayed to have a fun filled day taking part in art and crafts, riding on the much loved donkeys, playing fun sports, bouncing on the bouncy castles, playing in the toddler corner, watching the magic show, enjoying the theatre production or building sandcastles on the brilliant beach whilst parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles chatted around the beach, chilling in the deck chairs.

Programme of Activity
Appendix G
16th and 17th August 2018 - "Beach" Event

7am – Event Manager – Fran Taylor on site

8:30am – All on site – Take instruction on vehicle movement from Paul Kenny

Hazzard lights on and travel at 5mph

Unload and move ALL vehicles to Tunnard Street Car Park – Fran will give you a car pass.

8:30am – 9:30am – Site set up

10am – Start

3pm – Finish

10am – 3pm – Activities available throughout the day includes: Beach play area, Donkey rides, Art and craft, The Biz Theatre production, Toddler play area, Crazy Corin magician, Coastal Communities, Anglian Water – CVS, Fun sport games, Bouncy castles, Lincolnshire Community Health, GMLC and Boston Big Local information stand.

Show times and specific timings:

16/08/18

The Biz - 11am – 12 noon

Crazy Corin – Magician – 12 noon – 1pm

The Biz – 1:30pm – 3:30pm

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Leave site 3:30pm – 4pm after stand down instructed by Fran Taylor, again taking vehicle movement from Paul Kenny, hazard lights on and travel at 5mph.

Please note: All vehicles to enter through main park gate and move vehicle out through Norfolk Street gate. After the event All vehicles to re-enter through main park gate and exit through Norfolk Street Gate – This means a one way system in and out of the park will be operational for H&S reasons.











Crowds enjoy beach fun and park donkeys



Families flocked to the beach in the park. Picture: Boston Borough Council.

Boston's Beach Day event in Central Park has been hailed a huge success by organisers.

The two-day event saw hundreds flocking to enjoy seaside type events including sandcastle making, donkey rides and a magic show.

Despite changeable weather on day one on Thursday those behind the fun days say there was a fantastic turnout.

And with the weather improving for the Friday, even more people turned out to take part in more activities.

The Beach Days are funded by Boston Big Local, which is supported by partner agencies Lincolnshire Housing Partnership, Boston Children's Centre, Boston United in the Community, The Biz,

Lincs Coast, Anglian Water, Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service, Community health and Geoff Moulder Leisure Complex.

Beach Days organiser, Fran Taylor of Boston Borough Council, said: "We've had a great couple of days, despite the changeable weather.

"People have just carried on regardless. Children have played together in the sand all day long.

"All the other attractions have been busy, especially the bouncy castles and the donkey rides.

"There have been queues for them all day long."

Richard Tory, chairman of Boston Big Local said: "It's been another success. It ticks all our boxes once again as a

community event.

"It's so good to see the mix of all ages and nationalities enjoying themselves all together. Even the changeable weather didn't put people off."

The beach area will stay in Central Park until the end of August.

Next Tuesday (August 28) will see the last beach event of the year called 'Back in Time'.

This event is for those people living with dementia and their carers, enjoying the beach area with a relaxing afternoon listening to the 78DJ playing his Golden Oldies and enjoy a sing-a-long, song sheets will also be at hand.

Deck chairs and beach games will also be available at the event, which runs from 2pm to 4pm.

Comments from those attending

“Every year we have been to this event, the children think it is great. For them to have a go on everything free is brilliant. Lovely being with everyone and making friends”

“Thank you for letting us come for free. I have 4 kids and can’t afford to do this sort of thing”

“We have been to loads of events this year and the children have loved them all. Well done to all involved.”

“It has been great for the beach to be in the park all summer, we have been loads of times”

“I can’t believe everything is free, haven’t been before but I will certainly come again so hope it will be repeated.”

“Lovely day out for everyone and a great way to bring the community together.”

“Boston has had some brilliant events this year, long may they continue.”

“Please, please keep this going it is fab.”

Fun on the Beach

Our second Themed Afternoon took place on 21st August 1pm -3pm

This session was aimed at those living with additional support needs.

With buckets and spades at the ready, beach games and creative garden making, a fun filled session was had by all.

The age range was mixed from 9 years old up to 50+ (43 in total) and their carer's, many were able to go onto the beach and had a great time playing Giant Hoop-la, Boules, Target Throwing or building lots of sandcastles.

Some had never experienced the feeling of sand before and the smile on their face said it all !













Carer's from Sense said "What a great day, we have some who have never been on a beach before, so thanks for organising this for us"

Mencap clients had so much fun they didn't want to go home.

An email from “Your day, Your say” day centre said “**From:** yourday yoursay

[<mailto:yourday-yoursay@hotmail.com>]

Sent: 28 August 2018 14:37

To: Frances Taylor

Subject: Beach event for adults with disabilities

Hi Fran,

We would all like to say a BIG THANK-YOU for our beach event last Tuesday (crikey, where has last week gone?!) It was great fun, we took our shoes and socks off and pretended we were at the seaside, the weather was perfect and we enjoyed the games. It was lovely to catch up with some old friends and do a bit of networking too.

Once again, many thanks,

All at Your Day-Your Say

Carers from Old Leake Day Centre said “It has been brill, thank you so much.”

Thistles day centre also joined us and said they had had a really lovely time.

Back in Time

Our last themed beach event held on 28th August brought even more fun for those living with dementia and their carer's.

Again the 78 DJ joined us today to play old songs for all to sing along to.

Song sheets were given out and old time favourites were requested.

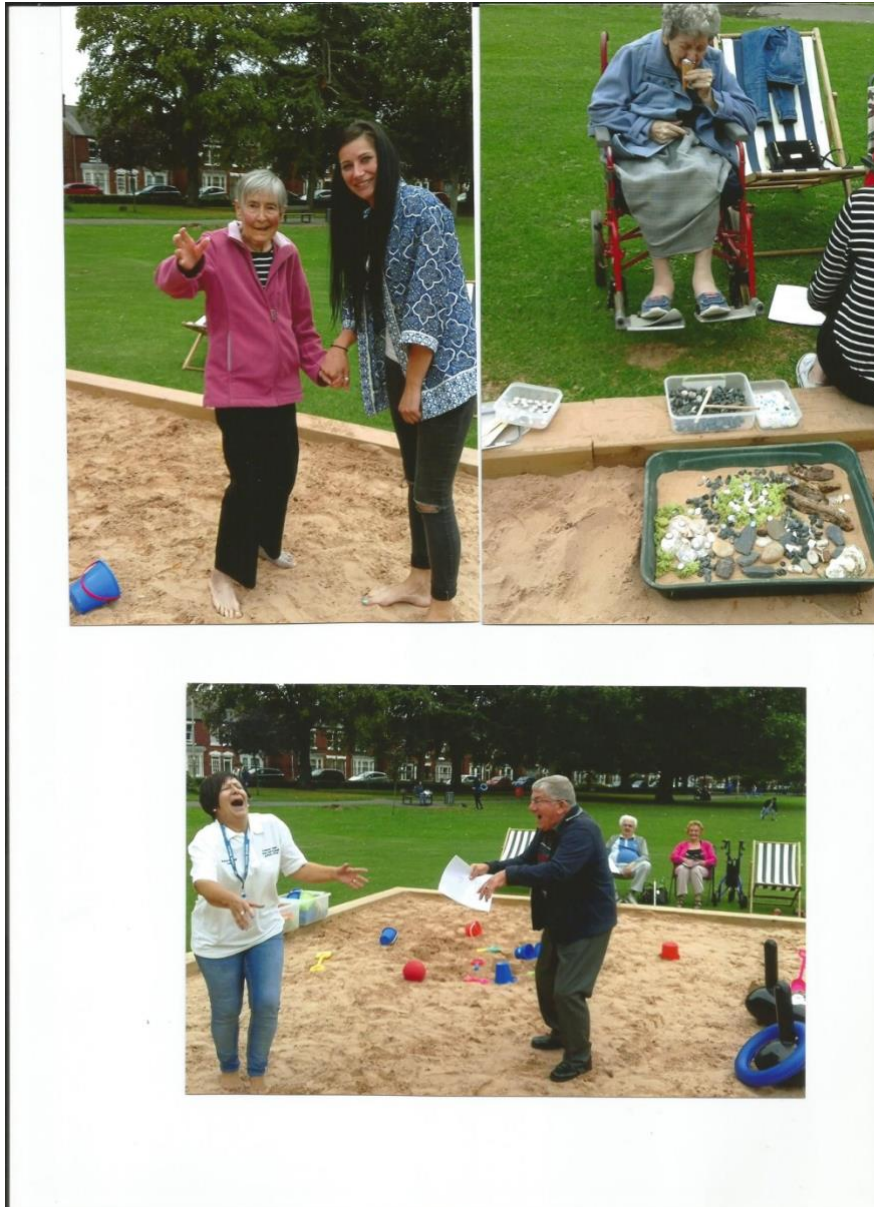
Some ventured onto the beach to make some sandcastles, play giant hoop-la, make a Zen garden, whirl the ribbon batons or play boules.

44 people attended

Care home staff said "to be able to bring our residents living with dementia onto the beach creates many happy memories. It is a fantastic idea. We hope it is repeated next year.

Another Staff member said "It is very difficult to take residents on trips out so to be offered something local and in a wonderful setting like Central Park is brilliant. Some of our residents like to wander and Central Park is somewhere they can do just that without the worry of traffic. We were also able to show them the bird aviary and for some who had kept birds previously was a great reminder."

A lady who brought her husband along who lives with dementia said "I don't know what I shall do with him later. He has had a brilliant time especially the singing and the laughing to the Laughing Policeman song. I don't think he will sleep tonight!"



Socks and shoes off feeling the sand between their toes, a resident enjoys remembering happy memories.

Enjoying a lovely ice cream after making a Zen garden

The Laughing Policeman song gave many lots of laughter



Singing around the beach to the golden oldie records

Sandcastles in the making



Hoop-la

BOSTON beach event



FREE ENTRY

Monday 13th August
2pm to 4pm
in Central Park

It's Golden Time

- Deck chairs available
- Event aimed at over 60s
 - Beach games

Join us around the beach area for a relaxing afternoon listening to the 78 DJ playing Golden Oldies

Tuesday 21st August
1pm to 3pm
in Central Park

Fun in the Sun

- Join us on the beach
- Sandcastle building
- Take part in beach games
- Deck chairs available
- Activity session suitable for people with additional support needs and their carer

Tuesday 28th August
2pm to 4pm
in Central Park

Back in Time

- Join us around the beach area for a relaxing afternoon listening to the 78 DJ playing his Golden Oldies and enjoying singing along
 - Song sheets available
 - Deck chairs available
 - Take part in beach games
 - Event aimed at those living with dementia and their carer



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Thursday 16th and Friday 17th August – 10am to 3pm
Central Park, Boston



Residents Leading Change

BOSTON **beach event**



- Donkey rides
- Arts and crafts
- Bouncy castles
- Beach area
- Magician
- Theatre production



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Budget

£7800 - Beach – (to be paid)

Equipment for Themed Beach Events £715 (already paid)

Purchase	Cost
Beach Construction	£4800
Donkey Hire	£800
Bouncy Castles	£550
Theatre production	£100
Magician	£300
Ice creams	£400
78 DJ	£500
Deck Chair Hire	£380
Beach Games/ Equipment	£295.82
Reinstate grass area after removal	£389.18
TOTAL	£8515

I would like to thank Boston Big Local residents for granting the funding for these amazing events. We have received brilliant feedback and real positive outcomes:

Building Community Spirit

Drawing people from different backgrounds together

Making new friends

Creating an attractive and safe place to play

Making the beach inclusive to all

Added extra inclusive activity sessions

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