

## BOSTON BIG LOCAL

### Hanse Group

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

	<b>Activities completed</b>	<b>Contract target April 2017 – December 2018</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Work with transported Arts</b>	Boston Unfurled flags.		
<b>Boston Unfurled</b>	Flags were the main exhibit at the International Day		
<b>Funding</b>	Successful bid for An International Links grants from the Borough £200. £500 2019		Used to help our local students to Rostock
<b>Heritage Lincolnshire</b>	Archaeological investigations. Preparations for the HLF funding, the project brief for possible firms undertaking the work prepared		HLF funding of £66,600 secured along with a further grant from LCC Community Collaboration fund for £3,400
<b>Archaeological Proposal.</b>	Four teams interviewed. The chosen company led by an archaeologist who has worked on the site before.		Work expected to start in May 2019 Exhibition held at Fydell House in September. Schools will be involved
<b>Youth Hanse</b>	Our four students were chosen after presentations from 15 students at the College, the High		.Two scouts, and two High School students.

	School and Grammar School		
<b>Workshops</b>	The workshops at the Guildhall were very successful for the residents, and twenty flags and standards were made		Hand sewing classes well attended. Students from the College and Silver Links members and the residents learnt new skills.
<b>International Day</b>	International Day May 26 <sup>th</sup> 2018 Recruited musicians, Skirbeck knights, and new members		Successful . Attended by many residents in the market and twenty flag makers and a local primary school. Good coverage in the local papers. And social media.
<b>Rostock</b>	13 BHG members and 4 young people made their way to Rostock. For 4 days they promoted Boston		We had a tent in the centre of town, joined the parades, most of the leaflets in English and German were taken.
<b>Partnership working</b>	Continue the successful working with Transported Arts, Boston Heritage Forum and Heritage Lincs Local Business links		Involved in Business Breakfast club Talk given to Probus group as well as Rotary Potential for Hanse links to be displayed on new Port of Boston signage
<b>Exhibitions</b>	Asked to show flags for Boston in Bloom judging and the AGM for Heritage Lincolnshire		Dates July 10 <sup>th</sup> and July 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2018. Discussions to be held for further opportunities for displaying our flags and banners
<b>Publicity and sales</b>	Our publications are now being sold at Waterstones Boston, in the		<a href="http://www.boston.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.aspx?id=23401&amp;p=0">http://www.boston.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.aspx?id=23401&amp;p=0</a> Sales are steady

	Heritage Centre Jews House Lincoln, Guildhall Boston and St Botolphs		
<b>Internet activity</b>	Reviewed and updated Boston Hanse web site working. Updating the Boston entry on the multilingual international site.		<a href="http://www.bostonhanse.co.uk/">http://www.bostonhanse.co.uk/</a>  <a href="http://www.hanse.org/hanestaedte/boston">http://www.hanse.org/hanestaedte/boston</a>
<b>Plans for the next reporting period and timescales</b>			
<p>Continue work on selling our publications and on the history. Continue to strengthen links with local business and with the Borough. Continue our work with the Youth Hanse.</p> <p>Continue working towards the start of our Big Dig</p> <p>As suggested by the RHS judge for Boston in Bloom explore collaboration re display of flags and other Hanse symbols. Talks developing with Transported Art for Hanse flags in town based on the community designs.</p>			