

So, you think you know where you live?

Boston Big Local Chairman, Richard Tory takes a humorous look at a simple question on our last questionnaire and the results it returned.



Over the summer of 2018 many innocent attendees of events, financed by Boston Big Local, were accosted by members of the Resident's Panel, armed with clipboards and copies of our annual questionnaire. One of the questions (accompanied by a fuzzy map of central Boston, with enlarged labels naming prominent roads and various drains that form the boundaries of the Big Local area) asked simply (or so we thought) whether the person answering the questionnaire lived inside, or outside, the area.

When we compiled the results (comparing street names or postcodes with the Yes/No answers for the 'where do you live' question) we became aware of a curious phenomenon. It would appear that nearly four-in-ten of those

answering the question do NOT know where they live in relation to the Big Local area!

Of the 265 responders; 38 correctly knew that they lived inside the area, whilst 128 were equally right about living beyond its boundaries. This meant that 81 people were mistaken as to whether they lived inside or outside the area (11 of those who live in the area thought that they lived outside its limits, whilst a massive 70 of those living outside the boundaries actually thought they lived inside the area).

The mathematicians among you will have realized by now that, of the 265 people who completed our questionnaire, only 247 are accounted for by the 'correct' and 'mistaken' answers mentioned above. This is

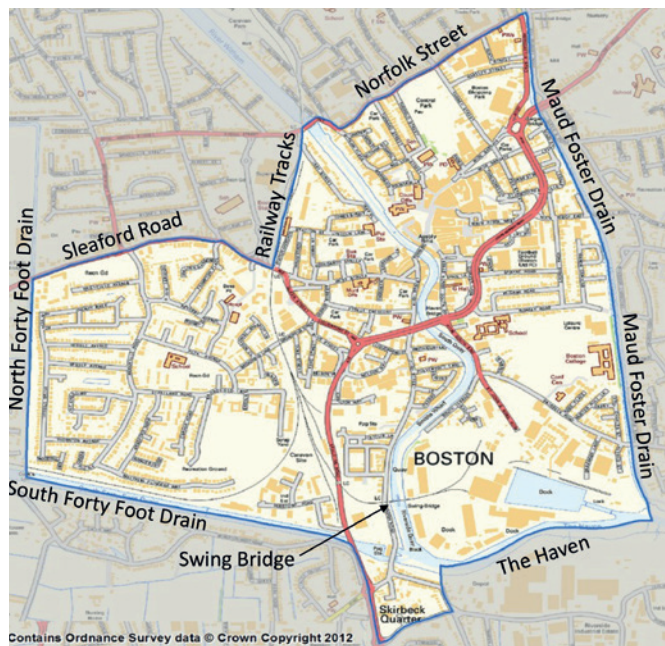
explained by the fact that 5 residents of the area and 13 non-residents chose not to answer the question, meaning that 18 people could not decide whether they live inside or outside the Boston town centre.

As a consequence of sowing so much confusion, amongst those residents of the Borough (and beyond) who innocently attend our events in the hope of gaining a few hours of stress-free enjoyment, the Boston Big Local panel have decided in future to simply ask for an attendee's postcode. In this way the stress of deciding who does (and who does not) live within the Big Local area can be heaped upon the shoulders of our panel members, who ask the question in the first place.

2 simple ways to check if you live in the BBL area:

If your post code is PE21 8** or PE21 6** you more than likely live in the area. To be 100% sure check our postcode list

Look at the map below or download from www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/area/



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



Boston Big Local

Residents Leading Change

2019 Spring Edition

MANY MORE GOOD SAMARITANS

Samaritans of Boston, Lincolnshire need to raise £25,000 each and every year to stay open and support those in need of emotional support.

Boston Big Local are pleased to be able to support Samaritans of Boston, which is run solely by volunteers, to train more listening volunteers.

Through our Health and Wellbeing theme we gave £1,500 from our Community Chest to help keep this vital service in the BBL area.

If you would like to train as a volunteer please do get in touch either by following them on www.twitter.com/SamsBostonUK/ or visiting their website at www.samaritans.org/boston/

New plan coordinator



Please join us in welcoming our new Plan Coordinator, Katy Roberts. If you need to get in touch with Katy or anyone else at Boston Big Local please do so using our info@bostonbiglocal.co.uk email address. Any BBL emails sent to an individual's personal email address will now be redirected to the info@bostonbiglocal.co.uk.



Presenting the cheque to help train more Samaritans - Left - Right: BBL Chairman Richard Tory, Samaritans of Boston Branch Director Elizabeth and BBL Resident Mike Gilbert.

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Thursday 9th May 2019. 4-6pm at The Len Medlock Centre, PE21 8YB
www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/events/

BOSTON BIG LOCAL PLAN 2019/21

In our last newsletter we looked back at what we had achieved, in this edition we look forward to what we have planned for the next 2 years. Our themes will remain the same:

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

Over the last few months we have been developing our plan, consulting BBL residents and meeting with the Local Trust to evaluate our plan to ensure it's what the residents wanted and that it supports the BBL area. After the detailed process we are pleased to say that the Local trust have cleared our plan and agreed to release £259,440 to invest into the BBL area over the next 2 years.

Total 2 Year Budget	2019/2020 Budget	2020/2021 Budget	Activity
£5,000.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Arts Project (The Story in Stitch)
£2,500.00	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	Arts Project (Boston Wood Carvers)
£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Potential Arts Project
£1,740.00	£870.00	£870.00	Potential Arts Project
£8,000.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	Arts for Dementia
£3,000.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Provide Cyling Road Show Event (1&2)
£10,600.00	£5,300.00	£5,300.00	Health & Wellbeing Event (1&2)
£4,400.00	£2,350.00	£2,050.00	Mental Wellbeing Sessions
£9,240.00	£4,550.00	£4,690.00	Communities Craft Classes
£15,000.00	£7,500.00	£7,500.00	Educate & Inform about environmental responsibility
£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Enhance horticultural displays in town
£14,000.00	£14,000.00	£0.00	Buoys project
£19,000.00	£9,500.00	£9,500.00	Improve & Increase play opportunities
£17,000.00	£8,500.00	£8,500.00	Direct support for 2 day Summer Beach Event
£12,000.00	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	1940's Event
£7,500.00	£2,500.00	£5,000.00	Employ Fran to promote BBL
£7,000.00	£2,000.00	£5,000.00	Yr.1. Photo Exhibition. Yr.2. Railway Heritage Exhibition
£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Run & support larger events & activities
£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Run & support smaller events & activities
£24,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	Run small grants programme (Community Chest)
£7,430.00	£3,715.00	£3,715.00	Run one large event and piggy back on local event
£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Purchase Equipment and resources to run BBL events
£11,000.00	£5,500.00	£5,500.00	Fit 4 Your Future
£6,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Developing the Credit Union access point
£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Increase knowledge of Historic links with Hanse
£12,800.00	£6,400.00	£6,400.00	Plan Coordinator
£1,680.00	£840.00	£840.00	Minute Taker
£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	Bi annual Plan Compling
£11,050.00	£5,525.00	£5,525.00	Communications and marketing strategy for BBL
£600.00	£300.00	£300.00	Partnership Costs - Expenses
£500.00	£250.00	£250.00	Partnership Costs - Misc
£4,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Printing and Publications
£259,440.00	£133,850.00	£125,590.00	

THEME 1 HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Whether it is long standing events like the cycle roadshow and arts for dementia or the new community craft classes run by BLIC and the Mental Health and Wellbeing Sessions and Promotional events run by the Samaritans our new plan will continue to support the BBL area's Health & Wellbeing.

THEME 2 A MORE ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT

We continue to improve the look of the area we live by supporting Boston in Bloom, improving our play areas and keeping the town neat and tidy.

THEME 3 BUILD COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Our plan aims to Build Community Spirit by continuing the popular beach events and supporting them to become self-sufficient.

We will employ Fran Taylor to spread the BBL word and get more feedback on what the residents want us to spend the remaining money on.

Continue our popular funding pots for Events and the Community Chest.

THEME 4 ENCOURAGING ENTERPRISE

By keeping our commitment to the Fit 4 your future programme, The Credit Union, and Boston Hanse we can ensure we encourage business and enterprise in the BBL area.

ADMINISTRATION

We have very low running costs in comparison to other Big Local Areas.

Thank you from Boston Women's Aid



We very much appreciate the award of £1,500 Community Chest funding by Boston Big Local in December 2018.

This grant is towards decorating and improving one of our family rooms in refuge.

The crisis in need for refuge accommodation for victims of domestic abuse and their families has been further heightened by the closure of some women's refuge... [Read the full post at www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/thank-you-from-womens-aid/](http://www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/thank-you-from-womens-aid/)

TO SUPPORT THE BOSTON WOMEN'S AID PLEASE VISIT www.bostonwomensaid.org.uk

How much of the £1 Million is left?

Our 2019-2021 plan covers years 5 & 6 of the ten years we have to invest the £1 Million into the BBL area.

This is what we have invested over the last 4 years:

» Year 1	-	£80,000
» Year 2	-	£90,000
» Year 3	-	£124,000
» Year 4	-	£110,000

This is what we plan to invest in years 7,8,9&10:

» Year 7	-	£105,000
» Year 8	-	£105,000
» Year 9	-	£90,000
» Year 10	-	£41,460

We also plan to invest **£100,000** on a 'large project'. We would love to hear your ideas. How would you like it invested into the BBL area?

Please share your thoughts by emailing info@bostonbiglocal.co.uk

INCLUDING INTEREST, THE BBL AREA WILL RECIEVE, IN TOTAL, MORE THAN £1 MILLION.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2012, The National Lottery gave the residents of Boston Big Local £1 Million to invest in their local area over ten years. Learn more at www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk

