

BOSTON BIG LOCAL

Project:		Public Realm Improvements	
Lead delivery partner:		Boston in Bloom	
Theme:	Creating a more attractive environment	Priority:	2
Activity:	Enhancement of town centre horticultural displays and improvement of the waterway environment through high quality public realm interventions		
Cost Code	2.2.1		
<p>Project outcomes (from SLA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 high quality public realm improvements • Improved habitat for wildlife, particularly pollinating insects • Improvement in civic pride through the celebration of Boston's history and community engagement • Broadening of the skills and ambition of local artists through participation in the Buoys project • Enhancement of the visitor offer and experience, making Boston more appealing as a destination 			
Reporting period dates:	Jan-March 2019	Number and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period:	Wide benefit – significant impact on both residents and visitors
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Aim: -</p> <p>For 2017-19 the focus is on improving the public realm by working with Transported, the Boston and South Holland arts organisation, the Port of Boston and community groups.</p> <p>The main focus is on the Tawney Street entrance to Central Park and improvements to the waterways which celebrate the history of the town. Community and business engagement is a central feature of the projects, which will provide a lasting legacy for the future.</p>			

Activities undertaken during reporting period			
	Activities completed	Contract target April 2017– March 2019	Comments
Bank Account	Opened a Bloom Bank Account with Barclays Bank		Three signatories
Gateway to Boston Project	Meeting with EM Trains, BBC Heritage Officer, LCC, Artist, Hanse		Looking at a buoy on the station, planting, flags etc as a welcome to Boston
Pollinator-friendly border, overlooking the river near Haven Bank	Remainder of beds cleared during March. Spring and summer plants ordered .	Completion of pollinator-friendly planting scheme May 2019	Negotiating with nurseries for perennials and pollinator plants. North Sea Camp taking over a bed in the B and M area.
Park	Cleared central park herbaceous border ready for planting		
Boston Buoys project	Redundant navigation buoys secured and stored safely at the Port Arts Council funding application Awaiting confirmation of grant.	Deliver Stage 1 Boston Buoys project 2019	Delayed by the transfer of our partner organisation from North Kesteven to Lincoln University
Additional funding and support secured	Chosen Community Champions for Lincolnshire Environment Quarter Co-op ASDA Green		June to September 2019 April -July

	tokens secured Donation from a local publisher		
Use of local companies	Johnsons Garden Centre Hillydyke Nurseries (Boston Market) North Sea Camp	Not specified	Successful planting of the borders
Planting Plan	Sub committee chosen perennials and pollinators for beds and planters.		In partnership with the Borough and NSC
Haven Bridge Wild flower meadow	Re-planting of the meadow started, waiting for re seeding in the autumn.		Working around the installation of the public realm buoy in later winter/spring 2020
Additional information:-			
Arrangements made for the judging route in July, going to Haven High and Willoughby Road Allotments. Using a sponsored electric environmentally friendly car from Listers BMW			
Plans for next reporting period			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add perennials to the planting at the pollinator-friendly border • Wait for Arts Council funding application for Boston Buoys project (format changed) • Plan the Gateway to Boston theme with partners. 			