

Our Investments into the BBL area



Headway Lincolnshire

On the 11th March, three residents from the BBL panel attended the beginning of Headway Lincolnshire's fortnightly meeting.

With a cuppa in hand, the whole group introduced themselves and sharing what had brought them to this group.

The stories were all very moving, explaining how brain injury had changed their life. Not just for the victim but also for their carers and those close to them.

The injuries came about from many different causes; car crashes, falls, assault, strokes and brain haemorrhages to name just a few.

We also presented this amazing group with their cheque for £1040 to help them cover their rent for their offices at the Len Medlock Centre.



Sibsey Baby and Toddler Group

The Sibsey Baby and Toddler Group support families from the BBL area. For this reason, we were more than happy to help fund new toys and help repair the group's leaking shed where the toys are being stored.

On the 11th March, BBL was invited to see how the £750 we invested in this brilliant group was being spent. We saw the durable new wooden toys and the CD player for the children to listen to stories and have a dance.

Anna, one of the group leaders, shared their plans to use the rest of the money to install shelves in an indoor storeroom along with buying some new toys for the babies who attend the group.

The Sibsey Baby and Toddler Group meet Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30 at Northlands Village Hall.

We may be able to help fund your group if:

- Your group is in the BBL area
- Is holding its event or activities in the BBL area
- Can demonstrate how it will help the residents of the BBL area
- Explain how our funding to you will improve the BBL area



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



In The Swing!



BBL Chair, Richard Tory presenting the cheque to We'll Meet Again Museum on the stage at Blackfriars Theatre.

Now that Boston Big Local is in the fifth of its ten year life span, we are fully in the swing of funding and investing into the BBL area.

The We'll Meet Again Museum filled in our simple 5 Minute Funding Form stating how their event would help the people of the BBL area and shared their plan to hold it in the BBL area.

Our funding helped ensure that the promotional and set up costs were covered, meaning that the museum would get more of the money raised at the event.

On Saturday 14th March at Blackfriars Theatre (which is in the BBL area) Joanne Shields & The Little Big Band held an event called 'Swing Back in Time' to help raise money for the We'll Meet Again Museum based in Freiston.

If we can help your group, please do apply for your funding at:

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JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

The 2nd Thursday each month at Chantry House, Boston PE21 8RU
Email us to let us know you would like to attend - info@bostonbiglocal.co.uk

Would you like to join our BBL panel meetings?

This Boston Big Local area was chosen by the Local Trust, along with 150 other areas in the UK, to receive a share of the £150 Million pot of money from the National Lottery Community Fund. The Local Trust is responsible for supporting each Big Local Area in achieving their goals.

The original BBL panel researched the main requirements for the BBL area by asking its residents. This resulting in us developing our themes.

Our 4 Themes

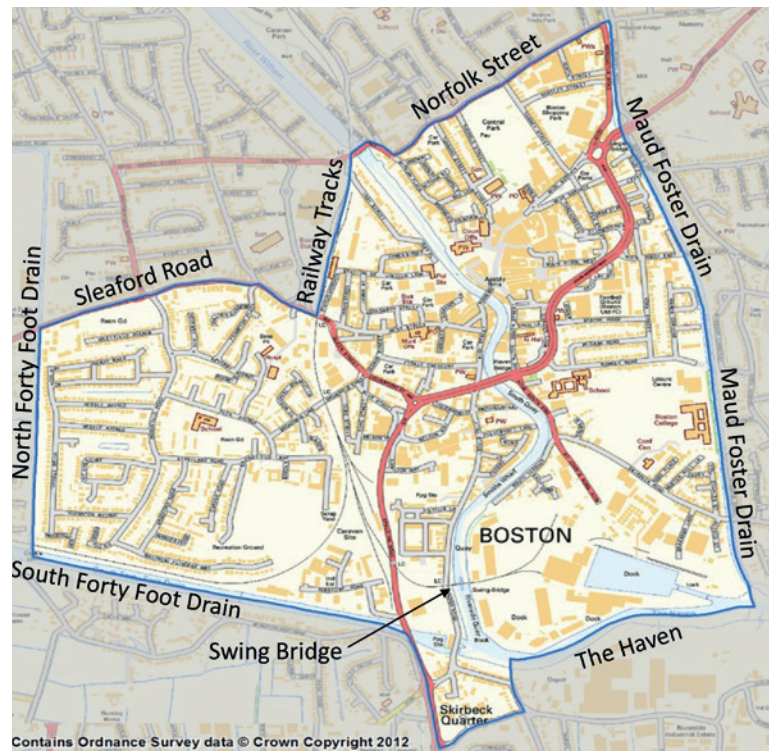
Theme 1 – Health and Wellbeing

Theme 2 – A More Attractive Environment

Theme 3 – Build Community Spirit

Theme 4 – Encouraging Enterprise

These themes are fundamental to all that we do at Boston Big Local. They guide us to ensure that we invest the money in projects and events that will make the biggest differences to the main issues in the area where we live.



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Our BBL Panel meeting held at Chantry House on the Thursday February 13th 2020 from 6pm.

The panel is made up of residents who can share their views and decide which projects to fund inline with our themes. Also in attendance are support members:

- **A project coordinator** who helps organise and put into action the residents' requests.
- **A Local Trust Representative** who attend each meeting to provide support and answer any questions that may arise with regards to how what we do links with the national scheme.
- **A Manager** from a Local Trusted Organisation who manages the contracts, the money and pays out the funding.

Only residents can vote, but the support members are valuable to the structure, ensuring all resident decisions are informed with the peace of mind that they will be actioned and fall within the Local Trust framework.

This is a very exciting time for us all at BBL because as we enter the second half of this 10-year project, we have around £500,000 remaining to invest in the area. Along with this we, the residents, have set aside around £100,000 aside potentially for a large project which you as a member of the BBL panel could help shape.

Our monthly meetings are generally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm at Chantry House. If you would like to come along, please do get in touch with us.

Do you live in the BBL area?

Do you want to help improve the area in which you live?



Let us know at www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/contact/

DID YOU KNOW?

Since we formed in 2015 we have invested around £500k into the BBL area. We have 5 years left to invest the remaining £600K! Help us do this at www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk

