



## BBL Investments

Every four months our community chest and events panel meets to consider all funding applications. At our last meeting in September 2023 we funded an amazing £3,300 worth of projects. Check out who we funded in this quarter:

### The Salvation Army

To provide meaningful activities to help individuals with their mental health. Activities like games, quizzes, adult colouring, discussions and free food. We provide a safe, warm and hospitable place for anyone who 'drops in'.



£1000

### Centrepont Outreach

Our funding will go towards the £8000 cost of a new boiler to serve our drop in centre that support homeless community of Boston.



£1500

### Boston Friendly Bench

Situated at Ancaster Court, on Broadfield Lane, the friendly bench required funding for guest speakers and new plants for the planters the are incorporated within the bench.



£800

**Can we help you fund your event or project?**



If so, for more information please visit [www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/](http://www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/)

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**This year's events were as follows:**

### Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 19th July

12 noon - 2pm

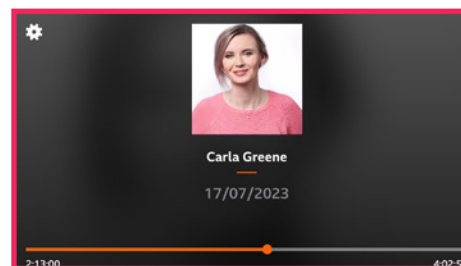
For pre-school children, nurseries, babies and toddlers.

### Golden Time

Thursday 10th August

2pm - 4pm

For those over 50, those living with dementia and their carer's.



BBC Radio Lincolnshire attended the beach installation, listen to the interviews at [www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0fwx086](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0fwx086)

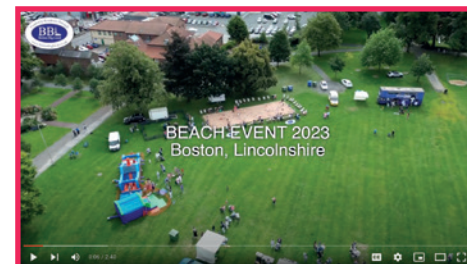
- 29min:16 sec - Listen to Fran
- 1hr:13min:22 - Listen to Andy Izard
- 2hr:13min:00 - Listen to Katy and Mark

### Boston Beach Event

Thursday 17th and Friday

18th August - 10am to 3pm

Beach Area, Giant Tortoises and lots of fun and games.



Learn more on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9b4fpsJ4Tw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9b4fpsJ4Tw)

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



# Boston Big Local

Residents Leading Change

2023 Autumn Edition

# LIFE'S A BEACH



**O**n the 17th & 18th of July the beach was once again installed into Central Park for the duration of the school summer holidays.

This is the 6th time we have funded the installation and the linked beach events that goes with it.

Our £11,000 funding this year enabled Boston Borough Council to organise the beach and its events.

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## FUNDING FOR YOUR GROUP

If your group supports or is in the BBL area we may be able to help  
Learn more and apply at [www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding](http://www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding)



# Reviewing the Health and Wellbeing Theme

Before starting Boston Big Local we surveyed the residents to discover the main needs of the area. The conclusion from this, and the subsequent, surveys showed the need to improve in four things. These became our four themes:

**Theme 1:**  
Improving health and wellbeing

**Theme 2:**  
Creating a more attractive environment

**Theme 3:**  
Building greater community spirit

**Theme 4:**  
Encouraging enterprise

In this edition we will explore the differences we have made to the health and wellbeing in the Boston Big Local area. In the next 3 editions we will look at the remaining themes.

To discover the difference our funding has made to the groups we have supported. We asked the Boston Stitchers, Boston Samaritans and The Restore Pantry for their feedback:

## Boston Stitchers

With your funding, our project has reached a huge amount of people and has put Boston on the map for a wider audience. It has strengthened our group and increased our membership.

It has met our expectations as we have been able to inspire many people to take part. We are able to highlight the

positive aspects of Boston and present the town in an entirely unique way.

We will continue this project and complete a series of Books. We are already researching other funding streams and feel we have the necessary vision and management to take this forward.



Boston Stitchers



Boston Samaritans

## Boston Samaritans

A huge amount of difference, your funding enabled us to deliver emotional support training in person and over Zoom during lockdown. It also helped us get out into the community to raise awareness.

It went above and beyond. Knowing we would get a regular pot of funding based on work in the community gave us a foundation on which to build.

Your funding has ensured we got out in to the local community more and we have made contacts that help ensure we are sustainable.

## Restore Pantry

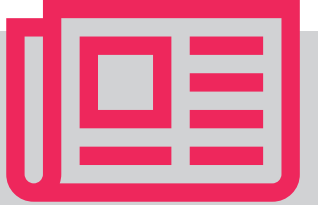
BBL Funding has enabled us to grow as an organisation, to better serve the local community through a service to the most in need, providing employment and greater supported volunteer opportunities for the vulnerable.

We were expecting the funding to provide a foundation to set up and build a facility which has had a profound effect on the some of the most vulnerable individuals and families in our town.

BBL has been an invaluable foundation to the set up and running costs to support our work, staff and volunteers giving us a firm base to build and grow to potential self sufficiency.



Restore Pantry



Read the latest Health and Wellbeing Reports:

[bostonbiglocal.co.uk/what-we-do/theme-1/](https://bostonbiglocal.co.uk/what-we-do/theme-1/)

## Improving Health and Wellbeing in the BBL area.

Boston Big Local 2015 – 2024 investment through four plans, made up of:

**£193,110**



Plan 1:

2015 - 2017 **£39,000**



Plan 2:

2017 - 2019: **£49,430**



Plan 3:

2019 - 2021: **£46,480**



Plan 4:

2021 - 2023: **£41,700**



Plan 5:

2023 - 2024: **£16,500**



Over **120** reports sharing how each group spent their donations.



Through our 5 plans, we have supported **12** different groups: Samaritans, LHP, Boston Stitchers, Restore Pantry, Geoff Moulder, BLIC, Boston Community Transport, Boston United, Boston Borough Council, Sure Start and LCVS. Our Community Chest also funded **many more** groups & projects.

Learn more at:

<https://bostonbiglocal.co.uk/what-we-do/>

# DID YOU KNOW?

Since we formed in 2015 we have invested around £975k into the BBL area. We have less than 1 year left to invest the remaining £208K! Help us do this at [www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk](https://www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk)

