

BOSTON BIG LOCAL

Project:		Enhancing horticultural displays in Boston town centre and along the Haven Bridge corridor	
Lead delivery partner:		Boston Borough Council	
Theme:	Creating a more attractive environment	Priority:	2
Activity:	Planters and landscaping improvements		
<p>Project outcomes (from SLA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 public spaces improved • 16 new town centre planters • Number of volunteers supporting initiatives, planned activity and businesses/organisation • Additional investment secured • Number of local crafts people or volunteers used to create features 			
Reporting period dates:	Apr – June 2015	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>Working with the Boston in Bloom campaign to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the environment and townscape • Build civic pride • Encourage community and business involvement • Improve the attractiveness of the town to residents and visitors, encouraging more repeat visits <p>The main focus of our activity is on enhancing the horticultural displays in the town centre and carrying out landscaping improvements alongside the Haven Bridge corridor, a busy transport corridor.</p>			

Activities undertaken during reporting period			
	Activities completed	Contract target April 2015 – March 2016	Comments
Number of new planters installed and planted	<p>1 self-watering floral fountain outside Prezzo Restaurant</p> <p>2 promenade planters at Memorial Gardens</p> <p>1 promenade planter at Ingram Memorial</p> <p>4 barrier baskets at Ingram Memorial</p>	16 planters	<p>8 planters delivered and planted (see photographs)</p> <p>Second phase of planters scheduled for October/ November</p>
Haven Bridge corridor improvements	<p>Develop urban wildflower meadow on waste land at corner of Haven Bridge</p> <p>Install Victorian-style archway at Pilgrims' Patch to complement Boston Greenscapers' archway</p>		<p>Attractive floral display (see photographs). Further landscaping required to make the site more visible to the public and passing motorists</p> <p>Installed by contractor near Red Cross Hall boundary</p>
Public spaces improved	<p>Town Centre</p> <p>South Square</p> <p>Pilgrims' Patch</p> <p>B & M Open Space</p>	3 spaces improved	<p>Extra planting undertaken in Bargate and Market Place</p> <p>Meadow created</p> <p>Archway installed</p> <p>Ongoing - Raised beds cleared by inmates at HMP North Sea Camp</p>
Additional funding and support secured	Sheep silhouettes, Bargate roundabout –	Not specified	Complements attractive planting in Wide Bargate.

	<p>private sponsorship (Boston in Bloom supporter)</p> <p>Extra barrier planter</p> <p>LCC Community Wildlife Grant (£500) for urban meadow</p> <p>Poyntons sponsorship of Puritan Path interpretation board (£350)</p>		<p>Positive feedback on social media</p> <p>Funded from raffle prize won by Alison Fairman at regional Bloom workshop</p> <p>Successful application submitted</p> <p>Support secured as part of Boston in Bloom</p>
Use of local companies	<p>John Sterma & Son, Gosberton</p> <p>Growing Wild, Boston</p> <p>Craftwork Engineering Ltd, Boston</p>	Not specified	<p>Preparation of meadow area</p> <p>Seed mix</p> <p>Design and fabrication of archway</p>
Number of volunteers supporting activities	<p>Urban meadow preparation</p> <p>Bloom planting on 5th June</p> <p>Preparation of B & M raised beds</p>	Not specified	<p>10 volunteers</p> <p>8 volunteers</p> <p>HMP North Sea Camp working party</p>

Quotes:-

Urban Meadow

“I often walk past here and have seen the super transformation. Well done peeps. So nice to see and smell the flowers not to mention the different insects now attracted to it”. (Mel Ruck 07/07/15 – social media)

Bloom

“Well done to all involved. I would just like to congratulate all involved in this year’s Boston in Bloom efforts.

The areas of the town which I have seen planted up really do brighten up the area and make a real difference.

I understand a lot of those who put in the effort are volunteers – so well done and thank you for giving up your time in this way.

I do hope your efforts are recognised with a suitable award from the In Bloom judge”.
(B. Marshall, Boston) (Reproduced from letter in Boston Standard dated 05/08/15)

Timescales:-

Due to the delay in receipt of BBL funding, the decision was taken to phase-in the introduction of the new planters. The second phase of planters will be delivered and planted in October/November 2015. These will be located in Strait Bargate and outside Boots.

The installation of railings at Pilgrims’ Patch has been brought forward. The new Victorian style railings replace the unsightly post and wire boundary fence.

Plans for next reporting period

- Complete installation of boundary railings at Pilgrims’ Patch
- Order second phase of town centre planters
- Review feedback from East Midlands in Bloom judges’ report – regional awards ceremony scheduled for 16th September 2015
- Work with Transported to deliver proposals to improve the B & M open space as part of the Station to The Stump public realm initiative
- Tidy-up the open space opposite the Salvation Army Citadel on High Street prior to planting