

BOSTON BIG LOCAL

Hanse Group

Project:		Encouraging enterprise	
Lead delivery partner:		Hanse Group	
Theme:	Bringing local history to the residents by joining the new Hanseatic League	Priority:	
Activity:	Increasing the knowledge of Boston's historical links with the Hanseatic League		
Cost Code	4.3.1		

Project outcomes (from SLA)

- Acting as the focal point for information about and support for Boston and the new Boston Hanse Group.
- Encouraging and fostering research into Boston's Hanseatic past.
- Partnership working to improve tourist information about Hanseatic history
- Develop a Hanse trail and audio guide
- Public information boards
- Guide training
- Blue plaque placement
- Preparation for the 2020 Hanse Tag, working with Kings Lynn, giving support and advice to delegates
- Support the creation of 'Hanse Scholarships' in the schools and college with a view to Boston representation at the Youth Hanse
- Foster interest in the New Hanse in the migrant community and foster a sense of belonging

Reporting period dates:	April 2019 to June 2021	Number and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period:	– The resident community and 17 to 25 year olds in Scouts, Boston High School, Grammar School and the College
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Introduction

Aim: -

- Continuing membership of the New Hanse
- Building civic pride
- Encourage community and business involvement

The main focus of our activity is to introduce the people of Boston to its history and explain the benefits of a wider partnership, not only with other towns and cities but also other countries.

Activities undertaken during reporting period



The poster features three images at the top: a historical illustration of a building labeled 'Stilard', a map of the Hanseatic League, and a photograph of an archaeological dig site. The main text reads: 'Boston Hanse Group's Big Dig 23rd April to 9th June 2019'. It encourages registration for an archaeology project and offers free training by professional archaeologists. Contact information is provided as Lydia.hendry@heritagelincs.org. A red banner at the bottom states 'Open Weekends on May 11-12th & June 8-9th'. Logos for the Heritage Lottery Fund, Lincolnshire County Council, Heritage Lincolnshire, Boston Council, your waterloo, and Historic England are at the bottom.

Boston Hanse Group's Big Dig
23rd April to 9th June 2019

Register now to get involved with this exciting archaeology project which aims to discover more about Boston's medieval history.

FREE training will be given by professional archaeologists.

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For more details check out our website www.bostonhanse.co.uk

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Archaeology – Our dig finished in pouring rain. We had been very lucky throughout the 11 weeks, but luck was against us at the end.



Rather like the Time Team digs, the archaeologists were just getting to an exciting stage. They had discovered a large stone in the wall of the trench but were unable to uncover it in time.

In a week the trench was filled in, the tools and the shed had disappeared and the site was left.

We are now at the evaluation stage. It has been one of the biggest, best supported

digs in Lincolnshire we were told by the lead archaeologist, Lydia. (APS Community Archaeologist) Each school that participated has been given two of our Hanse histories. We hope to maintain our links with the schools over the next few years.



We have another exciting project for the Gateway to Boston project This is led by artist Kathleen Smith. She was the expert in the 3D printing for our flags project, This trail will add more interest for residents and visitors to Boston. They will be hidden in walls with missing bricks,, on top of other walls, and the designs are all based on Boston history. There will be 11 objects and they will start at the station, trail past Currys, up West Street, past B and M and then over the footbridge where the last one will be.

Another project for possibly further original arts project Poacher Line the residents' around the station specially made lampposts in town.



the station and afield is based on our with the flags. The hopes to use some of designs in and and we hope to have flags to go on

We had a visit from the new Hanse group in Great Yarmouth who came with our Kings Lynn friend Paul Richards. Forty visitors heard about our projects and supporters, they hope to do the same. A strong East of England group is growing and we hope together this will encourage tourism and visitors to Lincolnshire.



It is always an opportunity to sell our books and spread the word about our town. They were most impressed.



Our next date was September 5th when we had our Big Dig celebration. Over 60 people joined us in the Guildhall with His Worship the Mayor attending. (Seen here with Liam of the Knights of Skirbeck and Barry Cotton from the USA)

We were told that over 500 people had participated in the dig, including 9 local schools and 50 scouts. An amazing quantity of pottery, bones, shells and tiles were found.

MAll in a medieval layer under clay and sand from multiple floodings. Medicine bottles from the old hospital were found. The finds have gone to Lincoln for evaluation and Lydia is writing the final report.



Yet another project has come out of this. As so many children had been inspired by the dig, there will be a tile making workshop, looking at medieval tiles and recreating them. Also a medieval skillet like the parts found will be recreated too.



A successful Heritage Open Days when the group were represented at Fyde House. Yet again our residents' made flags were displayed and much admired.



New Hanse leaflets with the history in Boston will be printed including translated leaflets for the residents

Plans for the next reporting period and time scales

Continue work on selling our publications

We will be recruiting our new students in October to go with us to Germany next year. Youth Hanse.

Evaluate the findings of the Big Dig

As suggested by the RHS judge for Boston in Bloom we will continue our collaborations, We are still considering another Arts Council grant for this