

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:	October to December 2020	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
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Aim: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuing membership of the New Hanse ● Building civic pride ● Encourage community and business involvement <p>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.</p> <p>Activities undertaken during reporting period</p>			

October started with the Hanse Group getting ready to join the Illuminate Parade which would open the Christmas season in November. This is an excellent way to bring the Hanse story to residents.

Workshops for members and Residents.

Our first workshop with artist Ruth Piggott from Curiosity Creators took place in October and some of the residents who designed the flags 18 months ago came back to design mermaid’s tails for the parade. The theme of the parade was sea travel. Ten dancers were going to wear them in the parade for this year’s underwater theme. The workshops were free. The tails were made in the same way as the flags we made for the Boston Hanse group. There were three sessions at the Guildhall in which the tails were put together and then sewn.



This workshop was swiftly followed by another led again by Ruth with the Space Cadets. <http://spacecadets.com/> We learnt how the inflatables needed to be carried with a pack to keep them inflated. They were difficult to control!





On the night of the parade.



Getting ready for the Hanse Tag, Brilon Germany 2020.

We were anxious to find our Youth Hanse members. We were having difficulty getting replies from all the schools and colleges we have used in the past . We held interviews at the High School and had 10 entrants. Two withdrew on the day. The other 8 all whom gave us a short presentation then had interview on the presentation. We chose 4 students, enthusiastic knowledgeable girls who will represent Boston at the Youth Assembly in Brilon. We have been contacted about the arrangements and over the next few months we will organise our tent, publications and gather as much material as we can to 'sell Boston.' We have paid £45 for our web presence. We have had our Boston leaflet printed in German.

Plans for the next reporting period and time scales

Continue work on selling our publications

We await the evaluation of the findings of the Big Dig

We will have our AGM February 25th at 6.00pm at the Guildhall, with a guest speaker.