

## BOSTON BIG LOCAL

### Hanse Group

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

#### 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

<b>Reporting period dates:</b>	April 2020 to June 2020	<b>Number and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period:</b>	– The resident community and 17 to 25 year olds in Scouts, Boston High School, Grammar School and the College
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Aim: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continuing membership of the New Hanse</li> <li>● Building civic pride</li> <li>● Encourage community and business involvement</li> </ul> <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><b>Activities undertaken during reporting period</b></p>			

## LOCKDOWN

So all plans for our trip to the German Hanse Tag (or get together) were cancelled. Our Youth Ambassadors were unable to meet their counterparts from the other 19 European countries. We were all in our own homes, learning to cope with the new situation.

But life moves on and quickly we learnt to zoom. This kept us in touch and shared the digital news from Brilon. We felt very sad for the town which had been preparing for an influx of hundreds of thousands of visitors over the four days, all wanting to learn about the 200 hanseatic town and cities of the new Hanseatic League. They sent us links to their opening ceremony and the gardens that were open to the public.

We joined in digitally with the Annual Assembly where Beverley joined the League as the sixth English town. Edinburgh was elected as the city to host the Hanse Tag in 2035.

Alison was asked to voice a piece about the Hanse and the origins of the name 'Boston' for Mayflower 400. They didn't mention the Hanse in the end but did put in the other information.

<https://www.mayflower400uk.org/education/my-mayflower/virtual-voyages-boston/virtual-voyages-boston/>

She was also asked by Transported to write a piece for a new publication 'Radical Roots' which was about the Mayflower again as it is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sailing of the Pilgrims. Her piece is about the Hanse in Boston and migration to Boston. Hope you find it interesting.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/e5ff7802-420c-4c27-a523-7c114745a6b0>

Our International Day was cancelled, but we have the 'small beer' which was brewed especially for the day. It was to be tasted along with other medieval food. What a waste!

An interesting article was published in the Times about the Hanse and its links with Bristol, through an intestinal worm called a whip worm. It mentioned Boston as one of the medieval Hanseatic towns.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/tiny-worm-reveals-medieval-trade-ties-in-bristol-and-i-beck-wqfq5ls7n>

I have been in touch with Boston Preservation Trust about guides for Boston. We hope we may be able to start training people next year.

We are looking forward to getting together and planning for later in the year, perhaps having a digital evening together.