

## 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>	October 2020 to December 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 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

Beverley joined the League as the sixth English town and the Chairman Hamish Stewart contacted the Chairman and asked us to join in a zoom meeting of the British towns and cities in October.

Stefanie Bischof Die Hansemanagerin the Manager of the League in Lubeck was with us on zoom. I was joined by Mike Peberdy our Vice Chairman and members from Edinburgh, Beverley, Hull, Kings Lynn Ipswich and Great Yarmouth. It was an excellent meeting and we hope to form a group to organise our events at home and abroad. We are looking at the business opportunities abroad and possibly with an East Coast Consortium we might be stronger.

Although the intention is to take our Youth Team to Riga next year, it still cannot be confirmed during the pandemic. As a result we are unable to recruit our participants. We

have registered the group for August Riga 2021 and we will have to wait patiently to see if the meeting goes ahead.

We are revising our web site as it is viewed by many members from the European hanse family even during lockdown it is important for our tourist trade. . We will investigate zoom talks about our town's history, they are a popular new way of enjoying history for historians amateur and professional.

We have a new treasurer, to be confirmed at our next meeting, , the bank details will stay the same.

The lockdown has hit all our members, the trustees have continued with zoom meetings but are looking forward to bringing us all together for get-togethers with our members celebrating Boston's hanseatic history.