

Automatic Hand Sanitisers

As the lockdown restrictions were gradually being lifted, the Boston Big Local panel discussed how we could help local groups to begin to open up within the government guidelines.

We decided to contact different organisations in the BBL area to see if they would be interested in us supplying them with automatic hand sanitisers.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. So we placed the order and once they were delivered to us, we popped on one of our stickers and gave them to organisations below:



The Local Community Centre



Centenary Methodist Church



Fyde House



Len Medlock Centre

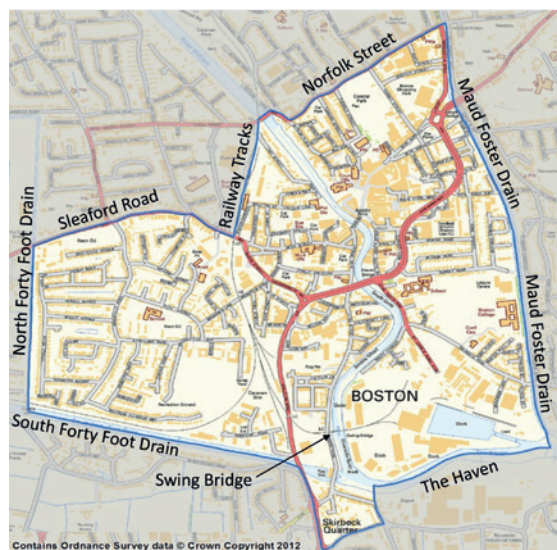


Boston Stump

Do you need funding?

During these unprecedented times, our funding panel will meet regularly. If you would like to apply for support please simply complete our 5 Minute Funding Form at the web address below.

www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/



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Our vision is for a happy vibrant area where people feel a sense of belonging

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Boston Big Local
Residents Leading Change

2020 Autumn Edition

Top Cards

Started by the Chair of Boston Big Local (BBL), Richard Tory, the Historic Boston (UK) Trumps Card Game project grew out of a hope to raise the profile of Boston, Lincolnshire in the UK along with supporting local businesses and charities.

Boston Big Local then collaborated with both The Boston Townscape Heritage Project (BTHP) and

Boston Preservation Trust to bring the project to life.

The cards, which were jointly paid for by BBL & BTHP, were donated to local charities and organisations to sell within their venues and shops, meaning that they can keep 100% of the sale of each pack of cards.

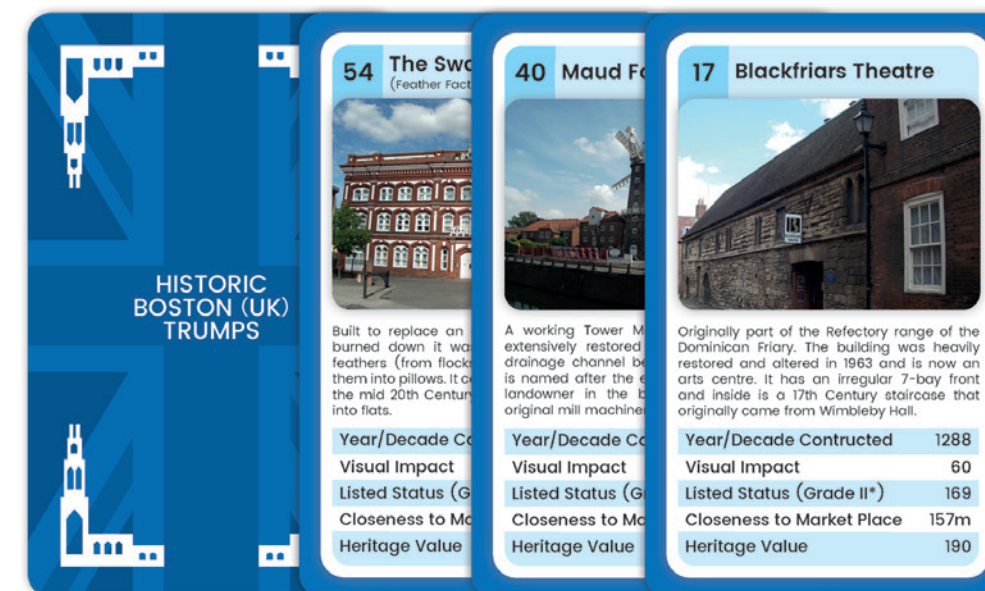
You can purchase your Historic Boston (UK) Trump cards from Blackfriars Theatre, Shodfriars

Hall, Fyde House, The Stump, The Guildhall, The Centenary Church and many more places.

In addition, they can be ordered online should you wish.

Using the Historic Boston (UK) Trump cards as a guide you can experience four different walks around Boston. To learn more, the map is available on cardgame. bostonbiglocal.co.uk

This amazing card game which is suitable for 2 - 8 players, highlights 62 of the many architectural treasures to be found in our beautiful historic English coastal town of Boston, Lincolnshire.



Learn more & purchase your pack at:

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If you love Boston or love playing Top Trumps you will love Historic Boston (UK) Trumps



We have been given 10 years to spend £1 Million in the BBL area. After 2025, BBL will be no more and we want to make sure our investments are felt for years to come.

Virtual Coffee Morning

On the 7th October at 10am we hosted our 3rd Virtual Coffee Morning. The theme of this meeting was funding.

With over 20 people attending this meeting discussed different ways that local groups, organisations & businesses could get funding in a variety of ways.

From our Community chest or Event pots to Boston Borough Council's BTAC funding, our Plan Co-ordinator, Katy Roberts and the Council's Local Communities Development Officer, Maddy Ayre shared how to access this funding pots.

The second half of the meeting discussed BBL's newly launched COVID-19 funding initiative that will support local groups, organisations & businesses through these uncertain times.

The final part of the meeting discussed how our two-year plan could come together. There was a lot of interest in support carers, so we agreed to run our next coffee morning on this subject.



Our October 7th Virtual Coffee Morning in Action

For more details about our funding opportunities, please visit: www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/ or to find how to apply for the council's BTAC grant please visit: www.mybostonuk.com/6257-2/



Newsletter Delivery

Our newsletters are created and distributed to the BBL area every quarter.

For the last 18 months or so we have paid a company in Peterborough to deliver our Newsletters.

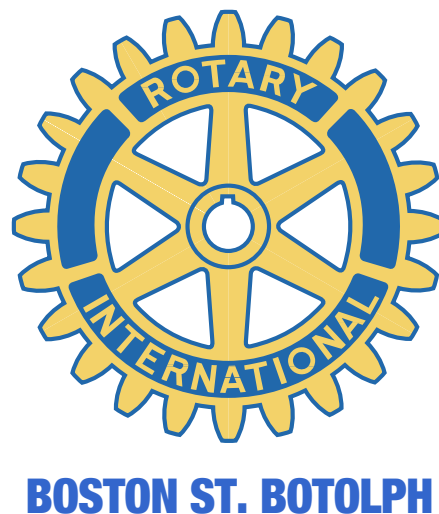
They did a fantastic job, however, we have always wanted a local charity or organisation to deliver them so we can keep the funding in the Boston Big Local area.

In the last 2 years, we have contacted and spoken to many groups in the BBL area with the possibility of them

delivering our leaflet and us giving them the money.

We are really pleased to share that the Rotary Club of Boston St. Botolph, who are in the BBL area, are now delivering our quarterly newsletter for around £2000 each year.

We both feel this is great for our area.



DID YOU KNOW?

How shall we invest in the BBL area?

We're now approaching the final few months of the 2019 to 2021 Boston Big Local Plan and we're now needing your help to shape the next two-year plan. By the end of March 2021, we should have spent over £660,000 of our allocated £1,155,000, with just four more years left of the programme left.

Over the last two years we have helped fund a range of arts and crafts activities, mental health training, support for dementia sufferers, lots of environmental activities, advice services, community events such as the Beach, 1940s Event, Cycling Roadshow as well as helping over 30 groups with small grants for projects and events.

The last year has seen our support being used in different ways than what we had planned and we know that the next two years may need to reflect our new "normal".

But now we want to hear from the residents who live in the Boston Big Local area on what to focus on for the two years from April 2021. We are looking to spend about £260,000

Through our recent Virtual Coffee Mornings and consultation sessions through Fran Taylor we have already had a few suggestions based on our current themes. But what do you think? Are these good ideas? What else would you like to see?

These are:



Improving Health and Wellbeing

- More support for carers
- Make Boston dementia friendly
- Mental health support for teens
- Arts and crafts activities for the community



Creating a More Attractive Environment

- Environmental clean-ups in town
- Further enhancements to Central Park
- Window boxes in town



Building Community Spirit

- Events like the Beach & 1940s event
- Activities for teens such as a Skate Jam
- Small grants for groups
- Christmas activities



Encouraging Local Enterprise

- Help residents maximise their income
- Support for new business start-ups
- Creating an outdoor café area
- Community Wi-fi spots

Over the last few months, we have been able to respond quickly to community need and we're also looking at including an unallocated contingency pot in each of the themes to allow BBL to respond to local need when its needed. Do you think this would be a good idea?

LET US KNOW YOUR IDEAS

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We have set £100,000 aside for a major project in our final year (2025). What would you like it spent on? Let us know by emailing info@bostonbiglocal.co.uk

