



## BBL Investments

Every four months our community chest and events panel meets to consider all funding applications. At our last meeting on the 12th January 2021 we funded the following projects:

### TLCC

The Local Community Centre were looking to make their building more accessible for their users.

They requested funding of £1500 for the removal of the existing two steps at the exit and the installation of a new concrete access ramp with a safety handrail to one side of the ramp.



£1500

### Boston Book Festival

Are planning a small literary festival in 2021, which they hope will become an annual or biennial event. The event aims to champion the literary work done by local writers, although also hopes to involve some well-known national authors.

They requested £1500 to defray start-up costs such as printing, stationery, postage, website design, and room hire.



£1500

### St John Ambulance (Boston)

Their cadet programme currently costs the charity £1.1m a year to run, just £145 for each young person. They would like to continue this resource and expand and develop their programme for 2021.

They asked for an investment of £1500 to allow them to recruit, train and permit the provision of uniform to more young people in the area.



£1500

### Boston History Tours

Are looking to promote tourism in Boston and run walking tours for school children and asked for £1000 to cover advertising and marketing costs.



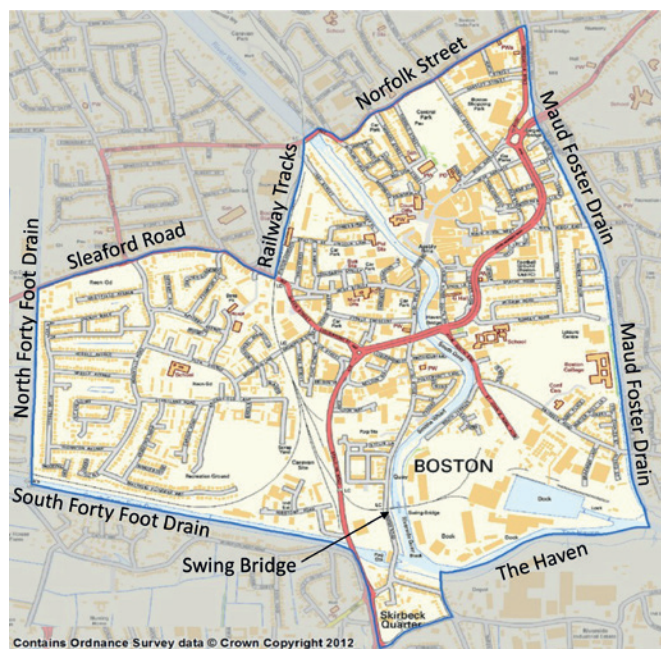
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## Can we help you fund your event or project?



Our funding panel meets next in May 2021. If you would like to apply for support please simply complete our 5 Minute Funding Form at the web address below & we will consider your application.

[www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/](http://www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/)



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



# Boston Big Local

Residents Leading Change

2021 Winter Edition

# RESTORE PANTRY

Back in November, Restore Church filled in our simple 5 Minute Funding Form to apply for COVID-19 support to help set up the Social Supermarket. Restore Pantry will be its name and we invested £4500 to purchase shelving and other equipment.

The Pantry will be open for everyone to use and it works by paying a one-off visit fee of £3.50 for singles/couples and £5 for families.



If we can help you with funding too, please visit:

[www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/](http://www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/)

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We are happy to help fund the Restore Pantry on Liquepond Street



## JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

The 2nd Thursday each month over Zoom

Email us to let us know you would like to attend - [info@bostonbiglocal.co.uk](mailto:info@bostonbiglocal.co.uk)



## Let us know your views

Work on our next Plan for 2021 to 2023 has been underway since October. We have been consulting with residents and community groups over the last two years and together with hosting a series of Virtual Coffee Mornings, providing opportunities to feedback over Social Media and speaking with our Partners we are in a position to share our plans with you.

The last year has meant we haven't been able to consult with residents quite how we have done in the past and the impacts of COVID-19 has shaped our thoughts for the next two years.

We will be entering our last four years of Boston Big Local with approx. £505,000 of the original £1.199,500 investment left to spend. Our intention is to spend just over £375,000 of this in our next two years. Last year, sadly meant that we were unable to run, with Boston Borough Council, the very-popular Community Events such as the Beach and 1940s events and with the uncertainty of community gatherings going forward, we are leaving the door open for holding community events of these size when the time is right to do so.

With our minds on Legacy, and what Boston Big Local can leave in the town, our focus has moved to more fixed assets for the town, including improved play equipment and an ambitious project to move the historic Five Lamps from its current site to Central Park to be enjoyed and seen by residents and visitors alike.

We are aware of the pressures facing residents due to COVID-19 and as such we are investing in support services such as Citizens Advice Mid-Lincolnshire and Boston Samaritans. We also recognise that it is very difficult to predict what services may be needed until the recovery from the Pandemic fully starts. We are committed to being able to respond to these needs by putting aside money within each theme to quickly react to future projects once we understand fully the needs.

We will continue to provide the Community Chest and Events funding as we have done in previous Plans and look forward to receiving applications from community groups and organisations in the near future.

Please take a look at what we are hoping to achieve over the next 24 months and let us know your thoughts by emailing [bostonbiglocal@gmail.com](mailto:bostonbiglocal@gmail.com) or visiting our social media channels.

## 2021 - 2023 BBL New Plan

### Theme 1 – Health and Wellbeing

Code	Total 2 Year budget	Year 1	Year 2	Activity	Delivery Organisation
1.1.1	£5,200.00	£3,200.00	£2,000.00	Arts Project (The Story In Stitch)	Embroiderers Guild
1.1.2	£2,500.00	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	Arts Project (Woodcarvers)	Boston Woodcarvers
1.2.1	£8,000.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	Arts For Dementia	Lincolnshire Housing Partnership
1.3.1	£6,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	BOSFIT	Boston Borough Council
1.4.1	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Increasing Mental Wellbeing Sessions and Ongoing Support	Boston Samaritans
1.5.1	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Increasing Health and Wellbeing Activities	Unallocated

### Theme 2 – A More Attractive Environment

Code	Total 2 Year budget	Year 1	Year 2	Activity	Delivery Organisation
2.1.1	£15,529.00	£8,029.00	£7,500.00	Educate and Inform About Environmental Responsibility	Boston Borough Council
2.2.1	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Enhance Horticultural Displays in the Town Centre	Boston In Bloom
2.2.2	£20,000.00	£20,000.00		Removal and Resiting of the Five Lamps to Central Park	Boston In Bloom
2.2.3	£30,000.00	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	Encourage environmental volunteering in the BBL area	LCVS
2.3.1	£25,000.00	£25,000.00		Improve and increase play opportunities in the BBL area	Boston Borough Council
2.3.2	£25,000.00	£25,000.00		Installation of lighting for the Skate Park in Central Park	Boston Borough Council
2.4.1	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Creating A More Attractive Environment Activities	Unallocated

### Theme 3 – Build Community Spirit

Code	Total 2 Year budget	Year 1	Year 2	Activity	Delivery Organisation
3.1.1	£25,000.00		£25,000.00	Programme of large Community Events	Unallocated
3.1.2	£4,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Programme of small Community Events	Unallocated
3.1.3	£6,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Community Consultation Activities	Unallocated
3.2.1	£2,000.00	£2,000.00		Completion of Heritage Exhibitions	Neil Watson Photography
3.3.1	£48,000.00	£24,000.00	£24,000.00	Run a Small Grants Programme for Community Projects and Events	Boston Big Local
3.4.1	£5,000.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Organising and Resourcing BBL Events	Boston Big Local
3.5.1	£20,000.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	Building Community Spirit Activities	Unallocated

### Theme 4 – Encouraging Enterprise

Code	Total 2 Year budget	Year 1	Year 2	Activity	Delivery Organisation
4.1.1	£20,000.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	Directly supporting residents in financial difficulty	Citizens Advice Mid Lincolnshire
4.2.1	£3,800.00	£3,800.00		Promoting Boston's Heritage through the Trumps Cards	Boston Big Local
4.3.1	£17,475.00	£17,475.00	£0.00	Raising the profile of Boston	Boston Big Local
4.4.1	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Encouraging Enterprise Activities	Unallocated

# DID YOU KNOW?

In 2015, The National Lottery gave the residents of Boston Big Local £1 Million to invest in their local area over ten years. Learn more at [www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk](http://www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk)

