

## 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

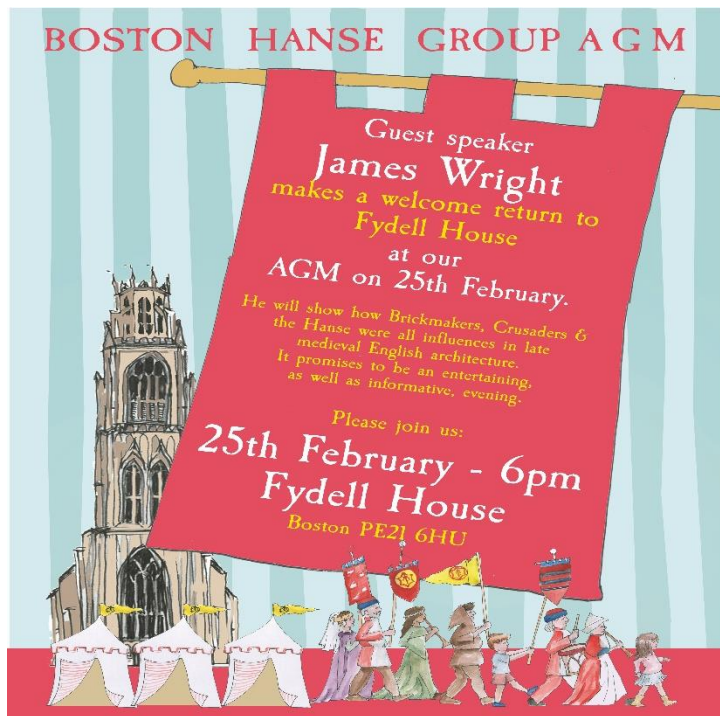
<b>Reporting period dates:</b>	January 2020 to March 2020	<b>Number and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period:</b>	– The resident community and 17 to 25 year olds in Scouts, Boston High School, Grammar School and the College
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Aim: -</b></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>			

We started the year preparing for our Hanseatic visit to Brilon Germany in June and the International Day in May 2020. We had received our leaflets in different languages ready for our visitors.

We bought our plane tickets for our four students, with some members of the group preparing to go by car, so they could take the leaflets, flags etc. Our pitch in Brilon was booked.

International Day participants were booked. A stilt walker, the Knights of Skirbeck and a medieval metal worker. The Boston Spinners and the wood workers and the Lincoln Waites all agreed to come. Five tents this year for the participants.

We also prepared for our AGM, with guest speaker James Wilson



We had an excellent AGM evening which included visitors from Spalding, Newark and Nottingham.

We received our report prepared by Heritage Lincolnshire, on the Hanse Dig from last year, the finds are still being evaluated.

Dear hanseatic friends

the situation in our country, in Europe and all over the world forces us to cancel the 40th Hanseatic Day Brilon 2020

Thank you for understanding.

We hope to see you as soon as possible, at the latest in Riga 2021.

Keep well!

Kind regards Ute

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Unfortunately with the onset of Corvid 19 all our plans were cancelled. We have the plane tickets for which we have received vouchers to be used over the next year when the pandemic is over. Discussions are taking place about the possibility of an International Day later in the year.

**Our Year** We had a busy year with an award winning archaeological dig which produced an excellent opportunity for residents young and old to learn new skills. And we have the evaluation shedding new light on a medieval area of Boston.

The exhibition at the Guildhall, opened by the Mayor was a success and gave the Boston Hanse Group a much higher profile locally.

Our International Day was also a great success involving locals and attracting hundreds of people to learn about Boston's history.

We had a full house for our AGM.

