



BBL Investments

Every four months our community chest and events panel meets to consider all funding applications. At our last meeting on the 4th May 2021 we funded the following projects:

Friends of Fyde House

Holding regular refreshments days, talks, events and as well as providing a heritage attraction for all ages and the majority of our visitors are elderly. The house has steps to the front door and an unsafe ramp at the side door - this funding will provide a bespoke ramp at the side door which will enable safe access to both the building and the garden.



£1500

Boston Volunteer Centre

To help provide a safe and welcoming environment to all its users of The Len Medlock Voluntary Centre has been granted funding to renovate its reception area.



£1300

Boston In Bloom

Covid has hit Bloom hard. The Royal Horticulture Society has decided that there will be no finals but Community awards, no physical judging or visits. The health and safety of the judges, volunteers and the wider community is of paramount importance. This funding will go towards creating a promotion video of the town and the work Boston in Bloom has achieved.



£1000

Framework

Supporting the homeless or those at risk of homelessness. Our funding will help set up a breakfast club. Providing service users with a good start to their day.



£500

Singing For Fun

Being part of a social group brings opportunities to make new friends, remain socially connected and have a sense of belonging thus helping to prevent isolation. The funding will help to pay for the ongoing support of the tutor. This will bring a bit of structure, enabling confidence to encourage and develop both the health and social benefits of singing.

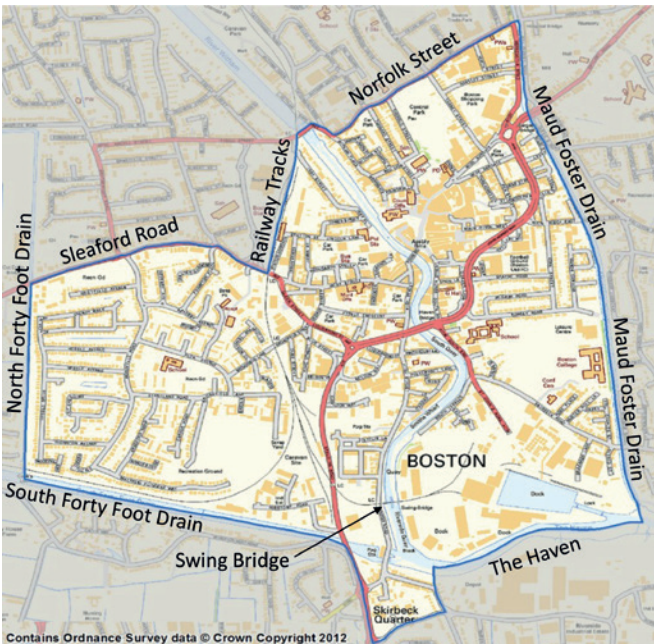


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Can we help you fund your event or project?



www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/



learn more at: www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/area/



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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 Spring Edition

APPROVED

Every two years the residents of Boston Big Local develop a plan of how we would like to invest in the BBL area.

The plan is then reviewed at a meeting with a representative from the national Local Trust, who assigned Anne Sherriff. Read Anne's feedback below.

Thank you for welcoming me to your meeting on 11 March, and for your thoughtful and reflective comments. I really enjoyed meeting all of you.

As I explained when we met, I was impressed by your plan, and felt the Community Consultation and Legacy sections were exceptionally well done. Although most of our discussion focused on other aspects of the Plan I would not want this to dilute how notable I found those two sections. Congratulations, and keep up the good work.

I particularly liked your website, which is clear and concise, and your newsletters. You clearly understand the vital importance of keeping the wider community informed, and your use of social media means that they can offer feedback too.

Your Plan draws on evidence from a range of sources, your own consultations, observations and local knowledge, underpinned by statistical data.

Your action plan is clear and well thought out. You explained to me why there were some gaps in identifying delivery partners and I can see why this is the case. You have done well to create a credible and deliverable plan, whilst retaining a degree of flexibility to take account of the COVID pandemic.

You have clearly built up constructive relationships with a range of delivery partners and feel you can rely on them, with the additional protection offered by your SLAs and monitoring and reporting procedures.

You were mindful of the need to

ensure you do, indeed, spend all the money you have sought to draw down and were able to demonstrate contingency plans should some of your schemes fail to deliver or not be possible. I would urge you to continue to monitor this with your customary meticulous scrutiny and to take prompt action to redistribute funds if slippage occurs.

Your partnership struck me as being competent and efficient, a safe pair of hands. Although much of the proposed activity is a continuation of what you already do, you will be stepping up a gear to accelerate spend, so this is an ambitious and aspirational plan as well as a secure one. Your confidence and enthusiasm was readily apparent when we met, and I wish you every success in your future work.

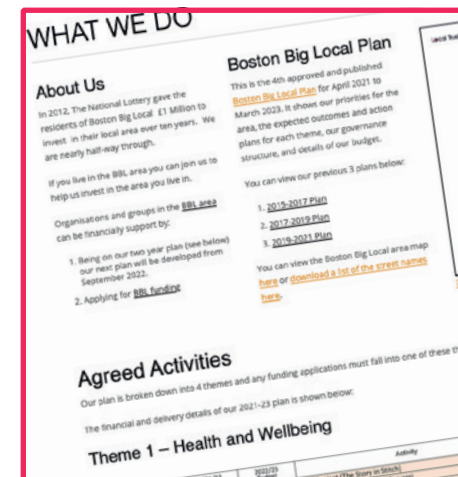
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Our latest plan



JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

The 2nd Thursday of each month over Zoom.

Email us to let us know if you would like to attend - info@bostonbiglocal.co.uk

New Funding Options

Due to the uncertainty caused by COVID, and on top of our Community chest and events pots, we have set aside more money from each Theme as unallocated that can be applied for as required. This could be used for events, project and any other needs of residents, groups and charities in the BBL area.

Unallocated Funds For Each Theme

1. Health and Wellbeing

21/22	22/23	2yr Total
£5,000	£5,000	£10,000

2. A More Attractive Environment

21/22	22/23	2yr Total
£5,000	£5,000	£10,000

3. Build Community Spirit

21/22	22/23	2yr Total
£5,000	£5,000	£10,000

4. Encouraging Enterprise

21/22	22/23	2yr Total
£5,000	£5,000	£10,000

The two funding options are as follows:

OPTION 1

COMMUNITY CHEST & EVENTS

up to **£4,500**

- ▶ 5 minute application form
- ▶ Panel meets to consider applications 3 times a year
- ▶ Quick and easy

This funding is so simple to apply for, it should take less than 5 minutes to complete the application process. The panel will meet to consider the Community Chest and Events applications three times a year in January, May and September. At the start of each year, we set aside £24,000 to invest in one of the options below.

COMMUNITY CHEST	SMALLER EVENTS	LARGER EVENTS	COVID-19
up to £1,500	up to £1,500	up to £4,500	up to £4,500

APPLY NOW WITH THE 5 MINUTE FUNDING FORM AT:
www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/community-chest-and-events-funding/

OPTION 2

UNALLOCATED FUNDS

up to **£10,000**

- ▶ Detailed application form
- ▶ Applications considered & processed every month
- ▶ Helps with uncertainty

Due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID pandemic, we have set aside £25,000 for each of the two years of this plan. These unallocated reserves ensure that we can support projects and ideas for the BBL area as they arise.

THEME 1	THEME 2	THEME 3	THEME 4
HEALTH AND WELLBEING	A MORE ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT	BUILD COMMUNITY SPIRIT	ENCOURAGING ENTERPRISE
up to £5,000 per year	up to £5,000 per year	up to £10,000 per year	up to £5,000 per year
To help improve the health and wellbeing of those in the BBL area.	To help make the BBL area more appealing to live and visit.	To support the community in uniting to develop a spirit of connectedness and purpose.	To support the growth of enterprise and support for the BBL community

APPLY NOW AT:
<https://bostonbiglocal.co.uk/unallocated-pots-funding/>

DID YOU KNOW?

Since we formed in 2015 we have invested around £600k into the BBL area. We have 4 years left to invest the remaining £400K! Help us do this at www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk

