



## **THE BOSTON STITCHERS**

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### **BOSTON – THE STORY IN STITCH**

**REPORT FOR BOSTON BIG LOCAL June 2021 1st Quarter**

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#### **1. Work undertaken since our last report on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 :-**

We have at last managed to secure a BANK ACCOUNT, after three months of work and frustration. We now have everything in place to take our group forward.

After a huge amount of work undertaken by Heather, our Chairman, we now have our website up and running, please visit [www.thebostonstitchers.com](http://www.thebostonstitchers.com)

The project has moved on a great deal and the design and format for presentation has been translated into areas of work. All members are involved.

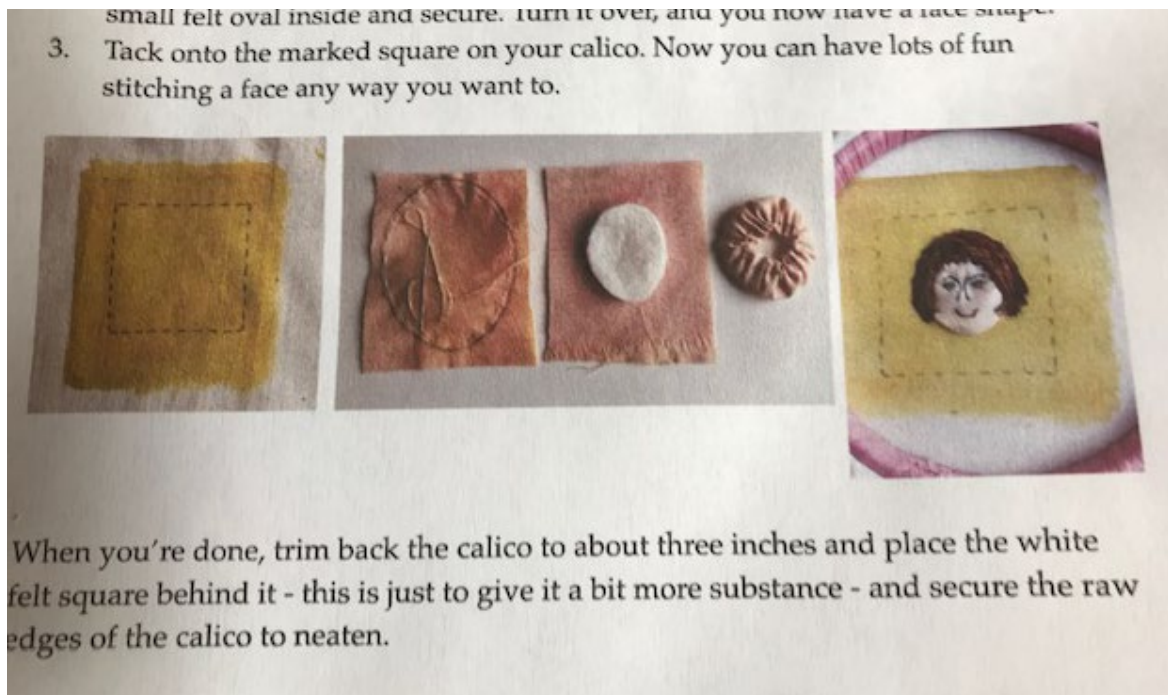
#### **2. Community involvement.**

We have been able to expand this greatly through Facebook, Boston More in Common and by direct contact over the phone. We also now have a very colourful and inviting website. Many groups and individuals have been stitching background squares and these are being worked together into the book – BOSTON – THE STORY IN STITCH.

Members have been stitching the 'Boston Bee Borders' which will surround each case.



We also have volunteers stitching small faces. These will represent the many people in Boston who made such a commitment to helping others during this pandemic.



We have been told by many people that stitching has really helped them during lockdown and has made them feel less isolated. They have also been able to try something new.

### 3. Next Steps

We are now in a much more secure position with everything legally in place. We have moved some of our meetings to Bicker Village Hall as members felt they needed more space to socially distance when we can resume. At present we will meet face to face in September, restrictions allowing.

We will also be starting another group – The Boston Stitchers Too. This is in response to people contacting us through Social Media and our Website, telling us that they can't attend a daytime meeting and also that they need to be taught the basics. Therefore we will be running a Thursday evening group once a month followed by our Friday morning group. Programmes for both have reached the final stages.

Following contact with Fydell House we are hoping to work in partnership to take ideas forward. We have so far discussed exhibition space and also working with school age children during the holidays. Many children in the Boston area have completed squares for us and have shown an interest in continuing with their stitching.