





1940's Event 2022

Theme 3 – Building Community Spirit

Priority 1 – Programme of Larger Community Events

Activity 1 – 1940's Event

Final Report June 22







This year's 1940's event was held in Central Park on Sunday 12th June from 11am to 5pm.

The preparation for the event started on Thursday 9th June by marking out Central Park which was done bu three BBC staff and one volunteer.

On the day of the event BBC staff with the help of 4 volunteers (who have helped at each of the 1940's events) all started at 7am to get the area set up for the community by putting up gazebos, bunting, fencing, netting, sorting electrics and assisting everyone who came to take part in the event by directing them to their area.

The community really missed this event during the pandemic so to bring it back this year had certainly raised a lot of excitement.





Traders were keen to get set up and start trading. Each of their stalls brought a great of interest and many purchases were made.

A brilliant display of vintage engines, cars and fair rides gave the public a chance to learn more of their history.











Along with these vehicles many Military vehicles also attended which brought a much bigger display this year than previous with some preferring to go into the woodland area to feel "more at home" camouflaged rather than being in a large open space, another first for this year.











The displays from "We'll Meet Again" Museum, Brian Goddard – Medical and Household items, Russ Dadswell's Organ, RAFA, SSAFA and Merchant Navy were amazing and found themselves surrounded all day with interested people asking questions.







The community really came together to enjoy this popular event with seven performers providing song and dance all day.





Many were dressed in 1940's attire and really enjoyed the atmosphere

















The community commented that the performances where fantastic!







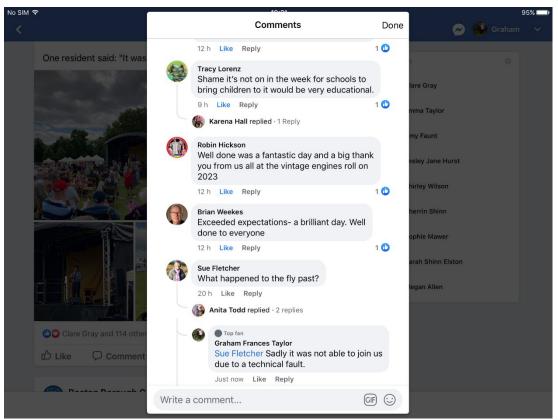
Dancers really went to town and lots of photos of the event were put on face book along with many comments

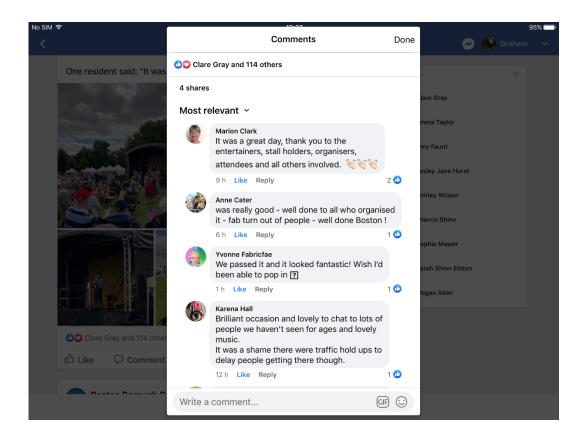


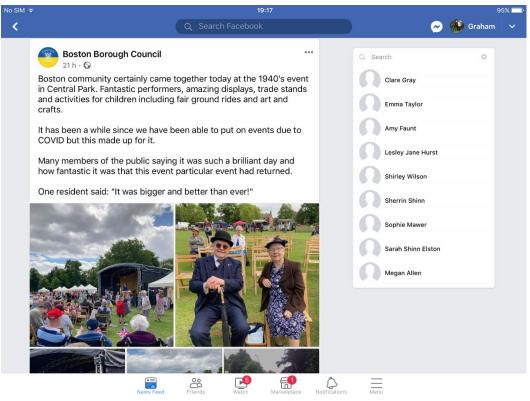


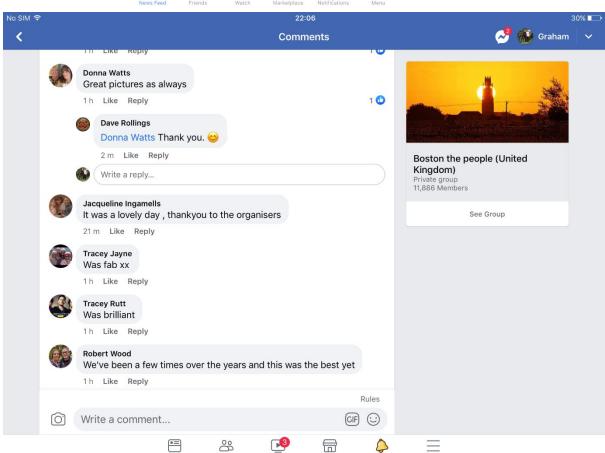


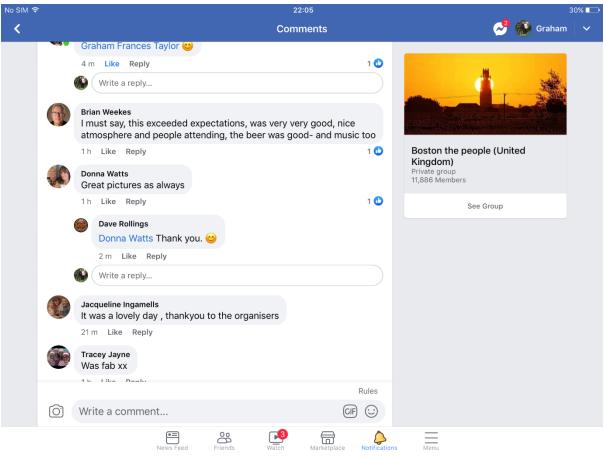


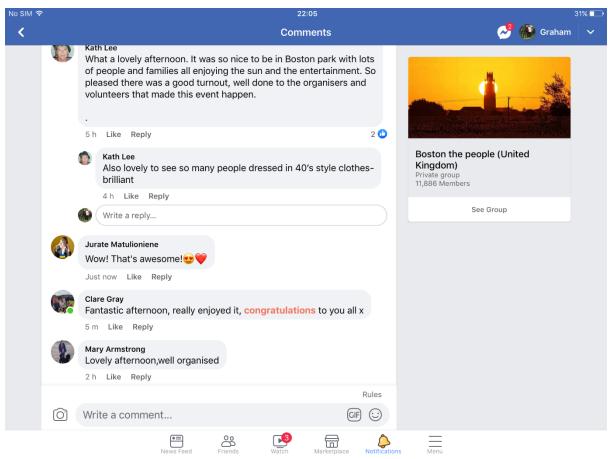














Everyone enjoyed the beautiful

weather, each other's company, chilled, enjoyed a drink from the bar, ate from the food court which offered a great selection of food, sang along with the performers, danced, bought from the traders and enjoyed the displays. A superb day was had by all attending.

So many people said "I hope this will be on again next year, it has been fantastic"

Performers, traders and those with the amazing displays have since emailed to book for next year!

I personally feel this is one of the best if not the best event Boston has so I hope a way is found for it to continue.

We had a couple of issues which were both out of our control, firstly that the Lancaster was grounded due to a technical fault and secondly the Afternoon Tea Parlour had to be cancelled due to illness. However this did not affect the amazing day it was.

As sad as it was that the Lancaster was unable to fly past our amazing stage crew played the sound of a Spitfire over the speaker system and brought a smile to the crowd, flags were waved and cheers heard.

I would personally like to thank Boston Big Local and Boston Town Area Committee for funding this event without which this event would not go ahead. Cost of the event to BBL is less than expected due to cancelation of the marquee that should have housed the Afternoon Tea Parlour and the fact that BTAC sponsored the stage.

1940'S EVENT 2022	COST	
Performers	£1155	
Russ Dadswell Organ	£75	
1940'S Art and Crafts	£145	
First Aid	£238	
Security	£205.66	
Toilet Hire	£460	
Table Hire	£131	
Chair Hire	£780	
Lincs FM	£637	
Volunteer Expences	£33.80	
Flags	£54.20	
Saundries	£28.00	
	Total	£3942.66

BBL allocated £6000

Spend £3942.66

Underspend £2057.34

Stage cost paid by BTAC £ 2810.58

Boston Borough Council provided in kind – Event Manager, Officer time, groundsmen, waste bin hire, venue hire, fencing hire, loan of gazebos, tables and chairs to display groups, promotional materials and had several volunteers who helped on the day.

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