



*Residents Leading Change*

# Boston Big Local AGM

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THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

# Welcome .... Long time no see!

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Our last Annual Meeting was May 2019

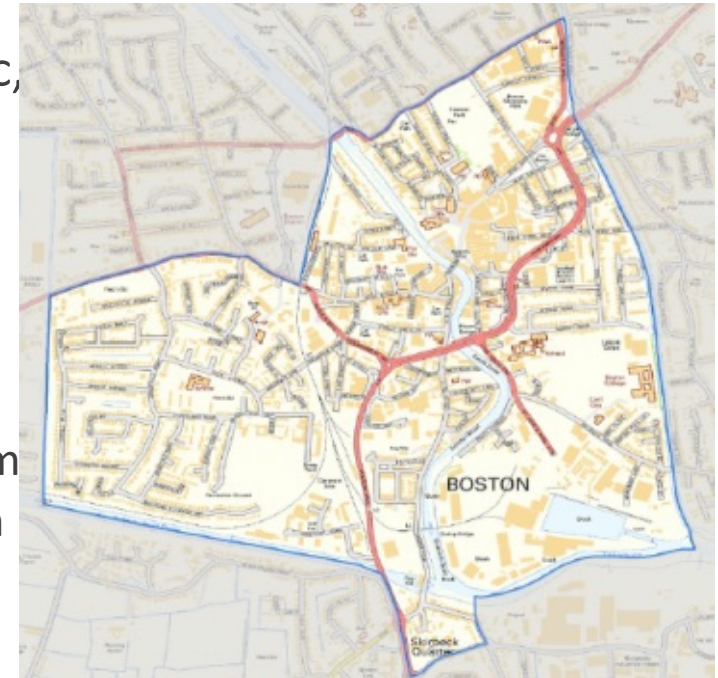
Spend at the end of March 2019 was £446,588

Three full years of activity since that time and at the end of March 2022 we had spent over £870,000.

# Boston Big Local – what is it?

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- National Lottery Community funded – part of the Big Local programme across England, managed by Local Trust
- Vision – “At the heart of Big Local is a vision of empowered, resilient, dynamic, asset-rich communities making their own decisions on what is best for their area.”
- 150 areas identified across England (two others in Lincolnshire). Boston identified in 2012.
- Outcomes
  - Communities better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them
  - People will have increased skills and confidence to identify and respond to needs in the future
  - The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises
  - People will feel that their area is an even better place to live



# Our priorities continue to be at the heart of activity

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IMPROVING HEALTH  
AND WELLBEING



CREATING A MORE  
ATTRACTIVE  
ENVIRONMENT



BUILDING  
COMMUNITY SPIRIT



ENCOURAGING  
ENTERPRISE

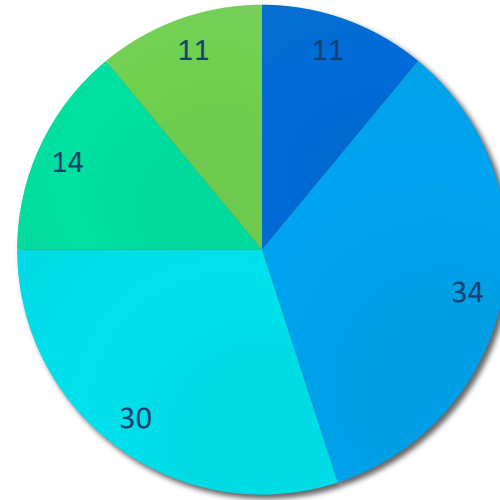
## How funds are split

Total Plan values:

2019-2021 - £259,440

2021-2023 - £374,351

15 Partners funded via the  
Main Plan



■ Health and Wellbeing

■ Attractive Environment

■ Community Spirit

■ Encouraging Enterprise

■ Miscellaneous Costs

# Split of funds – Years 7 and 8 (2021 -23)

# COVID-19 Pandemic

- Adapted our ways of working – Zoom meetings, online coffee mornings etc.
- Offered flexibility to our partners
- Was responsive to the needs in the community
- Continued with this responsive nature into the Year 7 and 8 Plan



# Improving Health and Wellbeing



**BB**  
Boston Big Local

## Arts for Dementia

**Check out their fantastic work**



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**SUPPORTING THE BOSTON STITCHERS**  
READ THEIR REPORT AT [HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/DFXHW](https://shorturl.at/DFXHW)

**FREE 20 MINUTE ONLINE TRAINING OVER ZOOM!**

**SAMARITANS**

Boston, Lincolnshire

Friday 26th June 2020 - 10:30am

**How to offer emotional support to others.**



CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS.



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# Creating a More Attractive Environment

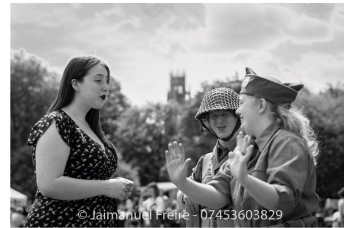






Sunday 23rd June - Central Park - 10am to 4pm

- Vintage Fair
- Spitfire Fly Past
- Afternoon tea parlours
- Vintage cars
- Re-enactments
- Trade stands



Entertainment from: Kirton Brass Band, The 40's Home Front, Boston Jive, Dream Belles and much more.  
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# Building Community Spirit

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# Community Chests

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Year 5 (19/20) – 16 grant awards, £16,395

Year 6 (20/21) – 16 grant awards, £15,500; 9 COVID Response grant awards, £22,362

Year 7 (21/22) – 17 grant awards, £27,404

Total small grants - £81,661.

48 different organisations benefited from BBL's small grant funding



# Encouraging Enterprise



## Boston Card Game

This amazing card game highlights 62 of the many architectural treasures to be found in the beautiful historic English coastal town of Boston, Lincolnshire.



**HISTORIC BOSTON(UK) TRUMP CARDS**  
AVAILABLE FROM [CARDGAME.BOSTONBIGLOCAL.CO.UK](http://CARDGAME.BOSTONBIGLOCAL.CO.UK)



# Responsive funding options

All four themes had funding options that could be applied for during the year.

Very popular, with all themes fully committed by the end of year 7/early Year 8



# Not just a “local” project

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- Regular attendees at Big Local Connects – in 2021 residents led a workshop on our take on “legacy” through the Trumps cards and Boston Monopoly
- Participate in Local Trust led webinars and training – eg Chairs Network, Workers Group, Policy and Influencing Group, Digital Exclusion, Cost of Living crisis
- Taken part in national research projects – eg Relationships between Public Sector Bodies and Big Local areas
- Plan Co-Ordinator spoke at 2021 Conservative Party Conference on the importance of having a community voice in decision making
- Community Wealth Fund evidence

# Next steps

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- Spend and activity in Year 8 is going as planned
- Expectation to start Year 9 with approx. £150,000 of the £1,199,000 remaining
- Residents have indicated a focus on a one-year Plan
- Work to write this Final Plan starts now
- Input on any potential gaps

Thank you for listening – we'd welcome your input!

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