

Rotary Club of Boston St Botolph



Since we began delivering our newsletter to every building in the BBL area in 2017, We had been looking for a local organisation to distribute them. Rather than paying a company outside of the area, we wanted to keep the money in the BBL area and do good. In 2020, we found our perfect partner.

Below Simon Mills MBE and Secretary of The Rotary Club of Boston St Botolph shares the benefits and difference our funding has made to them and the good causes they support.

The Rotary Club of Boston St Botolph have for a number of years delivered the BBL newsletter. It's a great opportunity for our members to get out in the fresh air and to promote the work of BBL and to raise funds that enable us to support good causes particularly locally. Over recent years we have supported financially and with our time, Boston Women's Aid, Boston Food Bank, East Lincs Down's Syndrome Family Support Group, Ukrainian families, our annual Children of Courage Awards dinner where we recognise children who succeed when faced with challenges. We meet every Wednesday evening at the Boston and County Club, where we

have a meal together, discuss business and hear from speakers from various charities. Our guest speakers always receive a donation from our charity funds; we have had presentations from Boston Preservation Trust, Hanseatic Society, Headway, LIVES, Scott House, Macular Society, Inspire, Transported to name but a few. As an international organisation we also support a school in South Africa, run projects to "light up a village" in Gambia, providing solar power, an annual shoebox campaign, support Shelter Box (emergency shelter & essentials), Centre Point and donate to global disasters such as Pakistan floods, Turkey Earthquake, war in Ukraine and

many more. To be able to support as we do requires lots of fund raising, we are very grateful to BBL for the opportunity to deliver their newsletter which helps us to help so many.

JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB

New members are always welcome; make friends and get involved. If you are interested in coming along and finding out more please contact Mike Gilbert on the details below:

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Upcoming Events

Classic Car and Vintage Festival in Central Park
Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July

Boston Beach Events in Central Park (BBL Funded)
The Event (Everyone) - 17th & 18th August, 10 - 3pm

Teddy Bears Picnic (Pre-school) - 19th July, 12 - 2pm

Golden Time (Over 50's) - 10th August, 2 - 4pm

Fun in the Sun (Support Needs) - 10th August, 1 - 3pm

Skatepark Jam in Central Park
Saturday 12th August, 12 - 4pm



learn more about the BBL area:
www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/area/

Our vision is for a happy vibrant area where people feel a sense of belonging



Boston Big Local

Residents Leading Change

2023 Summer Edition

Boston Stitchers' Amazing Books



At our meeting on the 11th of May, we had a visit from Janet Corcoran and Heather Wright from The Boston Stitchers.

They showed us the sketches and some patches that have been returned and created by them ready for their latest book.

We also had a chance to see the amazing 2020 book they completed.

Janet and Heather shared some of the creative challenges they had to overcome. Like how to keep the books open once they are displayed on the walls. Their

clever solution, with the help of Janet's engineering-trained husband, was to use picture frames and bind the books inside the back. They then added elastic loops to each

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FUNDING FOR YOUR GROUP

If your group supports or is in the BBL area (see page 3) we may be able to help
Learn more and apply at www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding

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page edge and had a wooden knob screwed into the frame.

As the only funder for this project, we are extremely proud of the legacy these books will

leave for our town. Interestingly, we learned how our funding helped during Lockdown by paying for the postage and envelopes to send out 2-inch

squares for people to embroider for the book. One person even fed back that they felt the connection they had through this project saved their life.



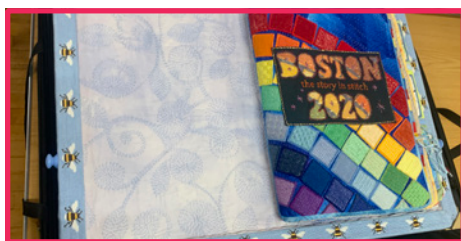
New book plan for community page



Mermaid for community page



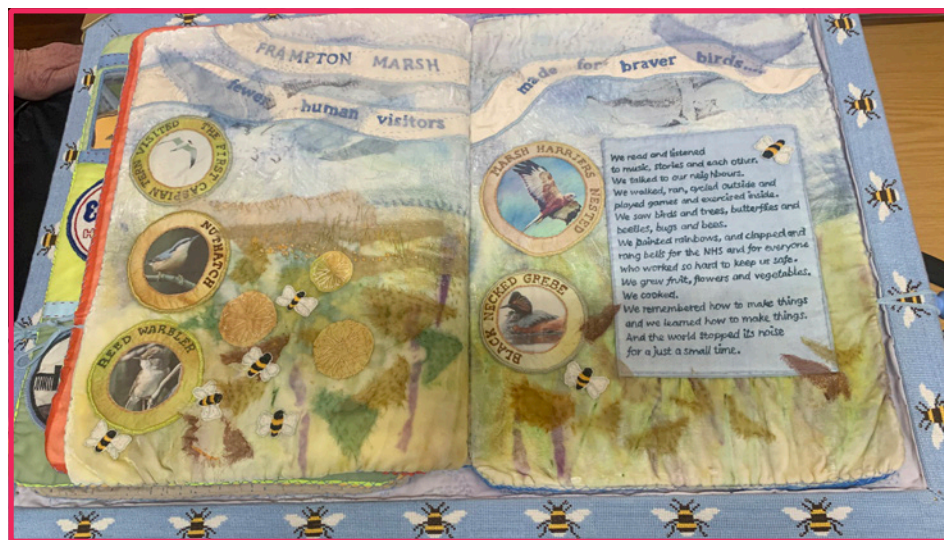
Stump image for new book



Boston 2020 Book



Boston Fields page in Boston 2020 book



Frampton Marsh page in Boston 2020 book



Transatlantic Boston Stitchers News

Exciting news with the New England Region of the Embroiders' Guild of America sharing the story of the Boston Stitcher's books. It is early days but there is hope the relationship will grow and further collaboration will be possible.

Learn more about the Boston Stitchers facebook.com/BostonStitchers

DID YOU KNOW?



BBL Investments

Every four months our community chest and events panel meets to consider all funding applications. At our last meeting in May 2023 we funded the following projects:

The Local Community Centre

Wanting to continue to offer Wi-Fi to its users and in need of a replacement fridge, a new Laptop plus software and a new floor they applied for funding. Funding which we were happy to provide to BBL located centre.



£1458

CAS Learning

Sought funding to enable people who do not have English as their first language to learn English Language and the British culture. Our funding will support the hiring of a room to deliver their training.



£1500

Feathers Teens CIC

To hold educational, supportive and socially engaging sessions at the Stump. The sessions will be open to all local home educated neurodivergent and affected by mental ill health teenagers, and their similarly aged siblings and parents. Our funding will be used to purchase the necessary arts and crafts supplies, STEM activity resources and refreshments for the sessions.



£1500

Boston North Childrens Centres

Applied for a community chest grant to make the environment of their children's centres more inviting and to help families with the cost of living crisis. Our funding will provide grow-your-own opportunities within the centres for parents to take items grown home to eat.



£1500

Carers First

Our funding will help Carers First provide trips and training for Young Carers. It will give those Young Carers a chance to broaden their horizons.



£1500

RoadHog Bus

The roadHoG Bus Youth Project works in various places in the BBL area to help. With no more spares and the list of major jobs growing on the 34-year-old double-decker bus. Since August 2022, they have been working hard to replace this vehicle before any breakdown would stop their project.



£1500

Cosmopolitan Boston

The funding will help bring together a novel exhibition within the BBL area which showcases the diverse cosmopolitan and hidden histories of the town, brought alive by the very people who live in Boston themselves. It will instil greater civic pride amongst residents by challenging negative perceptions/stereotypes, as well as equipping participants with new skills.



£1500

Curo Lincs

The funding will purchase seating, raised beds, clear refuse and cover volunteer expenses in the process of completing a community garden, thus providing a safe reflective space for all.



£1500

Apply for Community Chest Funding

Simply fill in our Five Minute Funding Form before August 30th 2023 to apply up to £1500 for your charity or organisation.

TO APPLY PLEASE VISIT:

bostonbiglocal.co.uk/funding/

Since we formed in 2015 we have invested around £1m into the BBL area. We have around 1 year left to invest the remaining £199K! Help us do this at www.bostonbiglocal.co.uk

