

Project Outcomes from SLA

BOSTON BIG LOCAL

Project:		Public Realm Improvements	
Lead delivery partner:		Boston in Bloom	
Theme:	Creating a more attractive environment	Priority:	2
Activity:	Enhancement of town centre horticultural displays and improvement of the waterway environment through high quality public realm interventions		
Cost Code	2.2.1		
<p>Project outcomes from SLA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing horticultural displays in Town Centre and along the Haven Bridge corridor. • Enhancing and developing riverside and waterway walks within the BBL including the Fishermen’s Memorial and Witham side beds. • Continue enhancing the new Mayflower bed, around the new park buoy and the Art Deco garden.. Improve the wild flower Meadow Haven Bridge • Encourage resident participation. • Prepare to move Five Lamps 			
Reporting period dates:	April to June 2023	Number and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period:	Wide benefit – significant impact on both residents and visitors
<p>Introduction</p> <p>AIMS: Enhancing horticultural displays in Town Centre and along the Haven Bridge corridor. Enhancing and developing riverside and waterway walks within the BBL area.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY</p> <p>The Partnership’s over-riding aim is to promote a cleaner and greener town which appeals to both residents and visitors. There is therefore a strong alignment to BBL Theme 2: Creating a more attractive environment.</p> <p>Our focus is on completing quality projects which have a lasting impact, rather than spreading capacity and resources thinly to complete smaller scale, temporary interventions. We therefore propose to concentrate the BBL funding offered in years 1 and 2 on the following high impact activities:-</p>			

Activity 1: Enhancing Central Park through landscaping and public realm improvements

Parts of Central Park still look worn and require revitalisation We will continue our work on the long beds, we will enhance the Art Deco Garden.

Activity 2: Corridor improvements

Activity will be focused on the following enhancements:-

Buoys Project

The navigation buoys are in place. Continue to work in these areas.
Enhance the pollinator beds.

Activities undertaken during reporting period

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April started with 'Celebrate Boston' Day at the Stump. This was particularly interesting for us as it coincided with the national RHS Seed swap. We had been given a quantity of seeds from Willoughby Road Allotments which were very popular. We had been contacted by The Standard who had a local resident with seeds which she wished to give to Boston. They came from a monkey puzzle tree she had grown, The seeds for that had come from a tree being cut down on Sleaford Road to make way for a new road to ADSA in 1996 She gave us seeds and little trees she had grown and they were very popular people who had read the article come in to learn more.



Hard work began on all our beds as spring began. The hundreds of bulbs we had planted grew in profusion, the planters we had tended sprang into life. There was far less vandalism and litter in them.

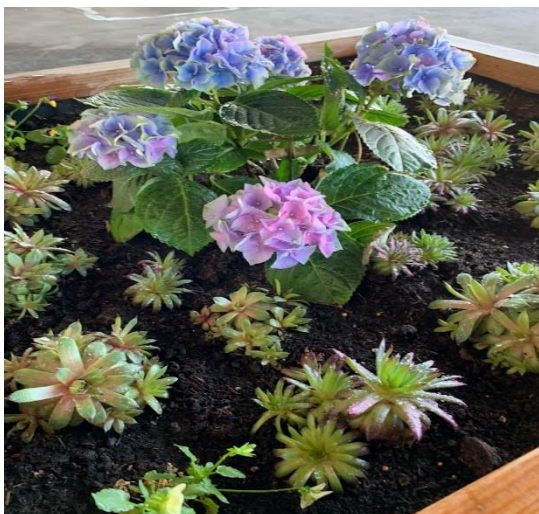


We have planted hundreds of plants in the park, at the Art Deco garden, the long beds and in the police beds replacing some and putting new ones in. We lost most of the hebes in the police beds during the cold snap. Thanks to Mike G for his hard work on these beds and his new beds at the front of the Police station. We helped the station adopters with geraniums in the raised planter, we helped the Friends of the Cemetery with red flowers and helped them with pollinating perennials for their new flowerbed near the Commonwealth graves of Boston men who fell during WW2.

May brought the King's Coronation and a new bed in the park to mark this occasion. The park is well used, we are there a lot. Mums and children picnic near this area and often use this bed as a table or something to sit on, so volunteer Bridget designed C R III surrounded with camomile so that if sat on it would smell nice and be hardier than our succulents. These were reused from last year's crown to make the letters.



We also reused the succulents in the station planters on the platform under the canopy and these have been a great success.



We approached The Salvation Army about their area on the roadside. They had asked for help in planting bulbs and pansies near their entry. They have a mums and toddler group that wanted to get involved.

Jackie from the LCVS group gave us the details of the Men's Shed in Fenside and we asked them if they could make some planters for the little group. They have made three and they have been planted by the children. They look lovely.

We are also working with our old friends Thistles of Sutterton who have a new CEO. They produce their own plants and we suggested that they have a new bed on Pilgrims Patch which was looking neglected. They dug it over, we got them some plants and they raised some too and they planted it with help from Endeavour School. It's a success! A local resident has joined the Patch and works in his own time when he is able, thanks to Peter!

June.



We are working with Jackie from the LCVS supported by BBL, on a major re vamp of Pilgrim's Patch. We have started with the toddlers at the SA, we have Thistles and their bed too and now there will be the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, LCVS Bloom and RSPB working over the next few months to make a difference. The Home Nursery are also interested, and we hope the Pioneer School will come on board.

Pilgrims Patch is an an important site passed by 3000 cars an hour, we hope all the organisations will work together over the next year to establish and maintain the pollinator beds we started.



We added some colourful annuals to our four planters outside Boots and the four tier planter outside The Still. The perennials still there meant we needed fewer plants in this area this year.

We were delighted to find an engineer able to braise our Mayflower fishes, three to a stand, and we were able to put them into the Mayflower bed at the Stump. We had tried to put them in when the ship went on to the bed but unfortunately they were an attraction for children who wanted to take them home as souvenirs. We got postcrete and four bags later and much digging, got them in. We think they will pose a problem if anyone now wants to take them home.



The Chair took part in the Radio Lincs broadcast extolling the history and vibrancy of our town and our work and funding.

We have the date for the visit from the East Midland's in Bloom judges, 4th July, and they will visit many of our sites. Our pollinator bed at the Police station has been enjoyed by hundreds of passers by and we made this video.

Thanks again to the Boston Bog Local who made all this possible

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