

## Project Outcomes from SLA

### BOSTON BIG LOCAL

<b>Project:</b>		Public Realm Improvements	
<b>Lead delivery partner:</b>		Boston in Bloom	
<b>Theme:</b>	Creating a more attractive environment	<b>Priority:</b>	2
<b>Activity:</b>	Enhancement of town centre horticultural displays and improvement of the waterway environment through high quality public realm interventions		
<b>Cost Code</b>	2.2.1		
<p>Project outcomes from SLA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing horticultural displays in Town Centre and along the Haven Bridge corridor.</li> <li>• Enhancing and developing riverside and waterway walks within the BBL including the Fishermen's Memorial and Witham side beds.</li> <li>• Continue enhancing the new Mayflower bed, around the new park buoy and the Art Deco garden.. Improve the wild flower Meadow Haven Bridge</li> <li>• Encourage resident participation.</li> <li>• Prepare to move Five Lamps</li> </ul>			
<b>Reporting period dates:</b>	July to October 2023	<b>Number and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period:</b>	Wide benefit – significant impact on both residents and visitors
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><b>AIMS:</b> 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><b>DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY</b></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**

<https://youtu.be/afMBsdz5f0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhUVgL5oGJ8>

July started with the visit to Boston by the East Midlands RHS judges on July 4<sup>th</sup>, very early for us and we hoped that all our planting would be ready. We started with our presentation at the Cemetery. Duckworth's Jaguar Company lent us an electric car to take the judges around when necessary taking us from Horncastle Road to Dion's Wood and the Willoughby Road allotments and then into town, they were most impressed. Everywhere we stopped they met our volunteers and residents, the Borough team and the Wombles, all making central Boston pride of our town.

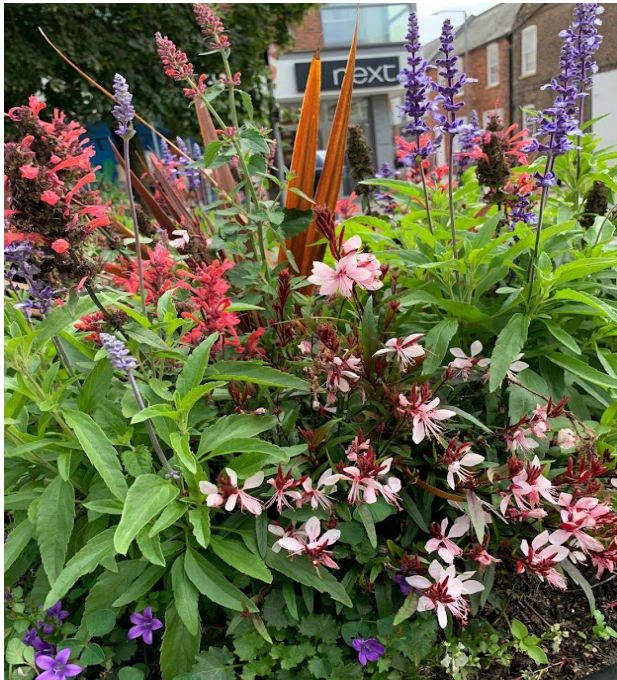


Our friends from Thistles in Boston enjoying a chat with senior Judge Richard Steven and new Judge Nickolas Litherland, showing them the new garden on Pilgrims Patch. We walked 6kms showing our 15 different areas in town, and our perennial planters. We had a volunteer awards lunch at Fydell House recognising the Wombles, Adrian Isaac and resident Kathy Dawes who clears areas in Boston. Richard Steven presented the certificates. Our Judges' Brochure is attached



Boston in Bloom  
Brochure.pdf

After the excitement of the judging we got back to work. The weather became very hot and unsuitable for planting. The planters in Strait Bargate, planted with perennials did well in the drought. The park beds were overrun with bindweed, a perennial problem for us. August was a slow month with many of our volunteers away but the Police beds still looked good.



There is always work to do at the Police beds but they are particularly enjoyable for our volunteers as we meet so many residents commenting on our work. Very grateful to volunteer Mike G who hoes the areas regularly and it makes a difference. The Chairman has been to meetings at the council about this area as although there will be changes over the next few years some of it is a sorry mess. It would be good to put pressure on the owners to keep it tidy and useable while we wait for change.

The fern bed at the Stump is also rewarding The wild flowers were over and you could really see where we had been when we finished.



Another area tackled by three Bloomers with their strimmers as the Haven Bridge wild flower meadow. The flowers were over but the area needed a little taming. Done on a hot sunny day they cleared a lot, but much more will be done in October. Our Bloomers adopt different areas and work on them, two concentrate on the planters outside Holland House Dental Clinic.



We concentrated on the park buoy bed in September. We had hoped that some of the paths would have been repaired during the summer break, but council funds are short. We will continue to hope.



The buoy bed and Art Deco garden have been a great success this year and coming into autumn look particularly good. Very little damage has been done, the skate park is really well used and mums and dads come and sit and enjoy the flowers.

We are proud of our Park.



And so on to Springfields in Spalding for the RHS East Midlands award ceremony

## GOLD AWARD AGAIN

We worked hard all year and got another gold which is fabulous for the town and the volunteers. Thank you Big Local, we couldn't have done it without you and the residents who know what they want and where they want it.



They made some helpful suggestions about emphasizing the heritage of the town and want to see more!

Thank you again Big Local, we are already planning our work for the year.

Our colleagues at Willoughby Road Allotments won the Judges' Award, and were delighted. The Judges like the park and the planting and noticed the poor state of the paths. They love the planters and really appreciated the support that we get from BBL, businesses and charities with whom we work.

