

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:	October to December 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

<https://youtu.be/afMBsdz5f0>

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



October began with a distribution of bulbs to The Honeypot nursery, joined by members of the Men's Shed who made three planters for the group, just high enough for the young children to reach easily. Daffodils and crocus were planted by the children and their mums ably helped by the nursery helpers. We have worked with this nursery and the Home Nursery this year. The children love planting and watching everything growing.

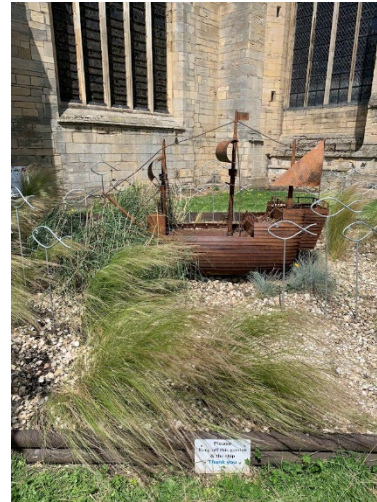
Then on the Stump on Saturday for a Craft Exhibition. We met many Bostonians who were interested in our work.

The Boston Stitchers have used Boston in Bloom as a theme for their work and some magnificent 'pictures' of flowers have been embroidered by their members. They hope to have an exhibition in July 2024.





Our work on the fern bed at the Stump was admired by the visitors. Resown with more wild flowers it should be a picture next year. The Mayflower bed is popular too.



A very busy month, followed quickly by our work in the park and the arrival of the Fair. As you know one of Bloom's worries has been the paths in the park. We were asked by the deputy leader to go on a walk-around looking at improvements to the area. We made plans with them and members of HMP to do multiple plantings around all

the trees of spring flowering bulbs, introduce more planters and generally brighten the park up. Our visit coincided with the fair. Unfortunately, much damage was done to the grassy areas and to the very paths we have highlighted over the last three years. We have been unable to work on these long beds.



We have the perennial plants intended for the area and hope to begin planting after Christmas.

It is ironic that this paragraph below comes from our last report. At least this part of the park is still looking good in the winter and we have been able to work here.

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.



November drew attention to the Memorial Garden and our work there. With the amazing help of the LCVS, the new greenscapers, the Friendly Bench, Scouts, the Geoff Moulder Community Garden, Centenary Methodists and the Men's Shed some wonderful knitted poppies and banners were made and the garden was a fitting memorial to The Fallen. The Residents pulled together.



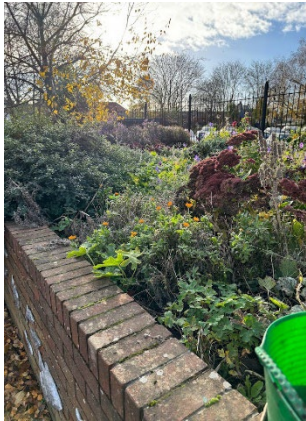


A successful operation together!

We moved on to the wild flower meadow which needed strimming and clearing. Thanks to our colleagues at the Borough who had industrial strimmers we were able to clear the old grasses and weeds. We also tackled the really tough brambles.

We have to thank sponsors Growing Wild and Boston Seeds too. Growing Wild not only donated yellow rattle seeds needed to keep the grasses down but also for their generous donations of hundreds of wild flower plugs. All went in over two weeks. The 20 kgs of daffodil bulbs from Boston Seeds have gone into the park and given to Fydell House, Thistles, Pilgrims Patch and the nurseries. We bought and planted hundreds of native bluebells too.

We planted thousands of bulbs all over Boston, replanted many of our planters at the Ingram Memorial, Memorial Garden, Custom House Quay, the Police beds, and in the park. Thanks to Mike for keeping the police beds in order and to Jackie and the Prince's Trust young people and Kirton Middlecott for tackling the raised bed at the Fishermern's Memorial. There should be a good show there. These are some of the smaller daffs going into the beds which are still blooming in the middle of winter. The young people made a big difference to their bed and planted a rockery using rubble that they found.



A last blitz on the Bouy bed in the park and then we started the Christmas break Thanks Big Local for making all this possible.

