

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:	January to March 2024	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.

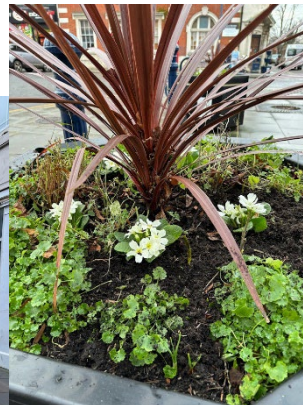
Activities undertaken during reporting period

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January

A very soggy start to the year, we lost three days work in January because of the rain. We were able to concentrate in the town centre planters particularly the ones in Narrow Bargate with all the perennials in them.



Haven Meadow our wild flower area on Haven Bridge needed a little TLC and we had bulbs and some left over wild flower seeds which we were able to get planted. It was cold but 8 Bloomers turned out and we did some digging and raking. Wild flowers need a lot of looking after.



February

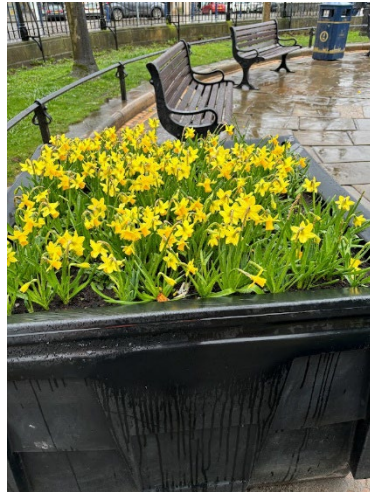
Again our labours were interrupted by rain and holidays too. We were able to get onto the park buoy garden which is mainly made with a gravel base. We cut down flowers and shrubs and were able to plant the last of the bulbs. Working with the North Sea Camp their volunteers planted thousands of bulbs in the park. We had suggested the areas and the results today (in March) are spectacular. Still unable to get onto flower beds because of the wet we concentrated on weeding and cutting back The award winning Art Deco Garden (thanks BBL) is still the pride of the park along with the buoy. Many people enjoy sitting and contemplation in that area,



Our planters all through the town began to burgeon with bulbs planted last year. In the park, outside Holland House, the Memorial Garden, Narrow Bargate, outside Boots, the Ingram Memorial and Custom House Quay all showing the beginnings of Spring.



March brought a host of golden daffodils everywhere we had planted them this year and last year



We were hosted by Boston Library and had a seed swap. It was lovely to meet some really interesting enthusiastic members of the library . We received some very interesting seeds and gave all the children's seeds away to receptive toddlers and their mums and dads.



This kept us out of the rain!

Then on to the Stump north bed for a couple of weeks, cutting down the ferns which were already pushing out their new fronds. We scattered more wild flower and poppy seeds in the bed.



And now towards the end of March, the park is closed for repairs. Delighted to say that the paths that we drew to the council's attention over the last few years are being repaired. The centre grass of the park is being resown after the problems with the fair at a very wet time in autumn. We look forward in getting back into our long beds.

But in the meantime we are on the long beds by the Witham and the Police Station. These beds are a testament to our funding by BBL. They were derelict in 2013, planted by Bloom, then we moved on with Transported to the B and M bed and the Fishermen's Memorial bed.

