

2012

Announcement of third round of 50 Local Areas - Central Boston identified as an area for investment

2013

Sharing the message of the initial £1 million investment

2014

Forming the Steering Group

2015

Community Consultation takes place

2016

Additional £10,000 invested, with a focus on Boosting the Local Economy

2017

Supported the Boston Hanse Group through this, establishing links and gaining Council backing

Our first Community Chest Panel took place. A total of £187,132 was invested over the course of the programme

First item of play equipment supplied and installed in Central Park. Every park in the BBL area has now received new equipment

Boston In Bloom, a group supported throughout our BBL journey, wins its first Gold Award (and has continued to receive this ever since!)

First two-day Beach Event, an event that has become a staple of Boston Big Local activity

Age UK Boston and South Holland became Locally Trusted Organisation

First Two-Year Local Plan endorsed by Local Trust. In it we began supporting Citizens Advice Mid Lincolnshire with an advisor for BBL residents

Launch of Arts for Dementia

Boston Big Local is the main sponsor for the inaugural Boston Marathon. This is now a sustainable annual event

Celebrated our first birthday with the Annual Meeting

As part of the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations, Botolph the Bear abseiled Boston Stump. He has been a regular visitor at BBL events ever since!

The first Bike Roadshow is held in the Market Place - one of many events we have worked on with Boston Borough Council over the programme

Supported Boston Community Transport for the first time

The Art Deco garden in Central Park is officially opened.

We publish our survey results - ongoing consultation is a key to the success of BBL

Boston Big Local holds a Legacy Event, scoping out what the legacy of BBL will be. Our partners say the legacy is already being created!

Local Trust announces an additional £105,000 for Big Local areas

BBL supports Boston Bike Night for the first time. Again this is another event that has been independently funded following BBL involvement

Our second Two-Year Local Plan is endorsed by Local Trust

The BBL residents are proud to support the opening of the disabled lift at Blackfriars Arts Theatre. The theatre is now classed as one of the most disabled-friendly facilities in the country

FIVE MINUTE FUNDING
If you are a group
Changes are made to the Community Chest funding process, making it easier for groups and organisations to apply for support

Following a merger, our Locally Trusted Organisation is now Age UK Lincoln and South Lincolnshire, which has supported us for the rest of our journey

Boston speaks at the Local Trust Big Local Connects Conference - our residents and supporting organisations go on to speak at a further two annual conferences on managing difficulties and our creative view on legacy

We support the installation of a disabled swing and other additions to Boston's Central Park

BBL supports Christmas in Boston for the first time, brightening up the town centre

Lincolnshire CVS's Environmental Volunteering project started

Woodville Road's Pirate Ship is officially opened. This was a much loved set of play equipment, which sadly burnt down in September 2022. We were delighted to hear that the Council would replace this item

The Fishermen's Memorial is officially opened

Boston Samaritans are supported for the first time

We welcome a new Plan Co-ordinator

The third Two-Year Local Plan is endorsed by Local Trust

COVID hits and our Plan is impacted. We supported groups to adapt their funding plans with us to continue to support BBL residents

Local Trust releases an additional £50,000 to Big Local areas

We supported individuals and groups through this difficult time, providing materials for face visors, automatic hand sanitisers in community venues and a series of virtual coffee mornings

The Rotary Club of Boston start the delivery of our newsletters. Donations to this group are invested in local, national and international projects

Launch of the Boston Trumps. The concept was taken on by heritage organisations to be replicated by other local towns

We re-purposed the events funding for this plan and launched a COVID Support Grant programme, supporting nine organisations with grants totalling £22,361.66

The residents of BBL's Partnership Board are awarded a Civic Award from Mayor of Boston Coun Frank Pickett

Boston Monopoly launches in times for Christmas - the games were so popular that community organisations supplied with them for fundraising sold out in less than 2 weeks

BBL supports the inaugural Boston Book Festival

The Plan Co-ordinator speaks at the Conservative Party Conference on the importance of community-led decision making and the possibility of a Community Wealth Fund

The Boston Buoys Project officially launches

The fourth Two-Year Local Plan is endorsed by Local Trust

The final Local Plan is endorsed by Local Trust

The Boston Stitchers, who have been supported since 2019, start to exhibit the work of the Story In Stitch project

St John's Park is the final park in the Boston Big Local area to receive new equipment

Boston Monopoly is reprinted with the support of Boston Stump

We hold our final Community Chest Panel, committing the last of the £1,195,000 funding

Final Meeting and celebration events