

Boston Big Local working in partnership with Boston in Bloom



Bloom in Boston

- Part of the RHS Britain in Bloom scheme
- Boston's first year was 2012, gained a silver award
- Not just about flowers, but environment
- Funding is crucial, and support of the Council
- Grants from BBL, health services involvement, local business sponsorship, schools, no funding from LA
- Neighbourhoods and residents involved
- Working with local shops, churches, allotments, Age Concern, charities, gardening associations

Boston in Bloom Projects 2015 - 2017

- Gothic archway and iron railings installed at Pilgrims Patch
- 16 new Town Centre planters
- Haven Bridge Urban Wild Flower Meadow
- Public realm improvements (regeneration of land adjacent to B&M)
- Art deco garden at Central Park
- Pollinator friendly planting at Doughty Quay
- Working with Memory Lane to create community mosaic
- Working with ABC Nursery at Fydell House garden



Pollinator friendly planting



Memory Lane mosaic



Public realm improvements



Urban wild flower meadow



Fydell House garden



Town Centre planters



Gothic Arch at Pilgrim Patch

Boston in Bloom Projects

2017 – 2019

- Pollinator friendly planting near town footbridge
- Boston buoys project working with Transported Arts
- Further improvement in the art deco garden

Other projects

- Metal sheep sculptures at Wide Bargate roundabout
- Interpretation / information boards at the country park
- Working with police cadets designing and planting a knot garden
- Daffodil bells planted at the Stump
- Birch Tree Avenue in Central Park
- Shady border at the Stump (120 ferns planted)



Sheep on Bargate roundabout



Birch Tree Avenue in Central Park



Daffodil bells and shady border of ferns planted at Stump



Navigation Buoys

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What has Big Local ever done for us!

- Raises awareness around environmental crime
- Tackles residents concerns
- Encourages behavioural change
- Makes the area more attractive
- Educates young children about environmental responsibility
- Encourages businesses to take responsibility for improving the areas around their premises

Environmental Education and Enforcement Projects 2015 - 2017

- 35 new businesses signed up to “Trash the Ash”
- Street vacuum purchase and operator time
- 130 community champions litter picking in their local communities
- Reusable cigarette mini-bins , litter/cigarette bins installed
- Big Boston Clean Up 2016, 305 volunteers took part
- Big Schools Clean Up 2016, 11 primary schools (492 school children)
- 2016, 29,500 environmental crime leaflets distributed
- Project tackling river and water course pollution

**We are supporting
Trash the Ash
campaign**



No buts...



**Trash
the ash**

**please use the
bin provided**



Street vacuum



School and Big Boston Clean Up 2017

Trash the Ash campaign



Anya James designer of awareness sign



Cigarette
Mini bins

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME?

FLY-TIPPING
We've all seen sites of rubbish dumps, mainly in a quiet spot out of town - old mattresses, unwanted furniture, carpets, TVs, fridges, heaters, sometimes worn-out tires and even builders' rubble. It's all illegal and the punishment can be severe - up to a £25,000 fine, a year in prison and they'll have to pay the clean-up costs. Fly-tipping across England is costing taxpayers almost £20 million a year to clean up. That is money that could be spent on other sources.

DOG FOULING
When a dog's got to go, but it's up to you, as a responsible owner, to clean up after your pet. Leave it behind and it's a £50 fine. Not only is dog mess unpleasant, it is a health hazard.

**Environmental
crime leaflets**

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME?

URINATING, DEFECATING, SPITTING
You'd think you'd be a bit of a hero if you urinate in a public place in the street, in a car park, in a shop doorway, even in the grounds of a religious building. Unfortunately, some even defecate in public. In Boston borough anything such as this, including spitting, is classed as litter so, under the Environmental Protection Act, it's punishable by a £75 fine.

GRAFFITI
One man's art is another's graffiti - but it's in the wrong place if it's graffiti. Graffiti and fly-posting are both covered by the Anti-Social Behaviour Act and attract a £75 fine. The council will remove graffiti and fly-posting from public buildings and offer a removal service for privately-owned property.

ABANDONED VEHICLES
Few things look quite as sinister and intimidating as a car that's been abandoned on a street, which has been abandoned an illegally, can encourage crime and be dangerous. Report one to the council if you see one. We will arrange for it to be taken away and, sometimes, crushed. If we can find out who the owner is, he or she could face a £200 fine.

MAN IN A VAN
You employed a man with a van to take your rubbish away and he dumped it in that old spot out of town. Nothing to do with you, right? Wrong! Your rubbish, your responsibility. You could be liable to a fine, even imprisonment - see fly-tipping overview.
Always check that your man with a van has a waste carrier's licence, so you can be sure he is properly authorised. You can check here at <http://bit.ly/2Htde>

UNTIDY LAND
The council has powers to deal with privately-owned land which has been allowed to become a safety eyesore, especially to the detriment of neighbours. A "litter clearing notice" can be served on the owner of land requiring it to be cleared of litter or rubbish. Failure to comply can be punishable with a £100 fine.

YOU ARE THE MAN IN A VAN
Do you have your waste 'in a van'? Are you properly authorised? If you are carrying waste and are unable to produce your licence it will cost you £200.

Environmental Education and Enforcement Projects for 2017 – 2019

- Bag it, Bin it (dog fouling)
- Fly tipping awareness campaign
- Tackling chewing gum and litter
- Keep the footpath clear.....put your bins away
- “We're Taking Pride In Our Place”
- 29,500 leaflets distributed regarding Dog Controls
- Big Boston Clean Up 2017, (10th Anniversary) 321 volunteers took part
- Big Schools Clean Up 2017, 11 primary schools were involved (545 school children took part)



Bag it Bin it



Fly tipping in Boston borough

FLYTIPPING

The Wheelie Bin collection is for household waste only. It is not for large items such as furniture, fridges, washing machines, mattresses etc. If you do leave these outside your property you could be fined for fly tipping.

Please be aware that you must ensure your rubbish is disposed of legally. If a private company takes your rubbish away you should ask to see their waste carriers licence otherwise you could be fined or even prosecuted if your rubbish is found to have been fly tipped. You can check to see if someone has a waste carriers licence by looking on the Environment Agency web site www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers

Fly tipping awareness flyer



**We're Taking
Pride in our
Place**

NEW LAWS FOR DOG OWNERS

A Public Spaces Protection Order is now in place and you will be liable for a **£100 fine** if you:

- do not clean up after your dog;
- fail to have the means, ie bag, to clean up after your dog;
- fail to put a nuisance or dangerous dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer;
- allow your dog into an enclosed children's play area.

This will apply to any area that the public has access to within the Borough of Boston.

Dog control leaflet



Chewing Gum removal