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## Drink and drugs crackdown

Concerns expressed by residents and business owners in Boston have led to a joint campaign aimed at a zero tolerance approach to drinking alcohol and taking drugs in the street.

The council's community safety team and Boston's community police inspector Andy Morrice responded when they were asked what more could be done to deter those drinking and taking drugs in Red Lion Street.

A concentrated poster campaign supported by businesses and the Centenary Methodist Church has been launched with warning notices posted in participating shop windows in the street. Drinkers and drug takers are told in English and other languages that such behaviour in public will not be tolerated and those activities will be reported and acted upon.

The signs have also been posted on railings alongside the footpaths outside the church.

Cllr Paul Skinner, Boston Borough Council's Cabinet member with responsibility for community safety said: "There are already laws and rules in place to control this type of behaviour. The council is using the very latest and newest legislation to discourage street drinking. The poster campaign serves as a useful reminder to any who might

be mistaken in thinking any of the laws and rules have been relaxed. They most definitely have not."

Insp Andy Morrice said: "We are putting resources into this, hence the presence of the mobile police station and permanent patrols on Red Lion Street from 6am onwards."



**Drink and drugs warning notices in business premises in Red Lion Street**



**Police and council community safety team put up the zero tolerance drink and drugs posters.**

### Boston's 'grand' design

Boston's Grand Sluice, 250 years old this month, was the Boston Barrier of its day, designed and built by the foremost engineers of the age. If you want to find out more about this iconic structure you can attend a free lecture – Grand Sluice – Something to Boast About – by local historian and industrial archaeologist Neil Wright at the Guildhall at 2pm on Saturday, October 8. [Read more at http://bit.ly/2dsrZpl](http://bit.ly/2dsrZpl)



### Could you be the one to throw a lifeline?

A lifeline charity for local families is appealing for more volunteers. Representatives from Home-Start Lincolnshire will be in the atrium area at Boston Borough Council's West Street offices from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Thursday, October 13, to speak to anyone who feels they may have something to offer. They will also be on hand to assist with any requests for help. [Read more at http://bit.ly/2dP9RoK](http://bit.ly/2dP9RoK)



### 100 tonnes of muck – a perfect present

A huge pile of muck may not sound like much of a gift to get excited about – but when you're a Boston in Bloomer a 100-tonne pile placed in just the right location signals a red-letter day. The 100-tonne present has come from Vere Bros (Contractors) of Boston and was delivered free of charge to the site alongside the Haven Bridge where an urban meadow flourished earlier this year. The Ingelow Urban Meadow first saw a derelict patch transformed two years ago and a stand of silver birch trees planted alongside its boundary with Chalky car park has rooted and is growing well. [Read more at http://bit.ly/2dGIPjf](http://bit.ly/2dGIPjf)



### Cash boost for memorial garden

A campaign to establish a special memorial area near Boston for all road crash victims in Lincolnshire has received a £1,040 boost thanks to the generosity of individuals and businesses. The money was raised at a cheese and wine evening held at The Mallard Lounge on the Westwood Lakes complex. [Read more at http://bit.ly/2dBaip6](http://bit.ly/2dBaip6)

### £465,00 every year for 20 years

Find out more about a new community grant fund for East Coast communities. Grants totalling more than £9 million will be available over next 20 years. [Read more at http://bit.ly/2dYbXpr](http://bit.ly/2dYbXpr)