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Nerf zone for Boston – only fourth in country

Boston is to get its own Nerf zone – one of only four children’s specialist play areas in the country.

Boston Bowl and Playtowers at Rochford Tower Lane, Boston, is to accommodate the latest craze following the granting of planning permission by Boston Borough Council.

Nerf is a toy brand and the most popular products are Nerf Blasters – toy plastic guns which shoot Velcro-tipped foam darts to stick to Nerf vests and can be tipped with suction cups to stick to smooth surfaces. The darts fit in magazines, some able to whistle in flight, have colour variations, such as camouflage, colour swap and glow in the dark.

Nerf centres provide children with an opportunity to test their Nerf skills against each other in a dedicated controlled environment with staff providing non-stop activities.

The only other current Nerf facilities are in Matlock Bath, Milton Keynes and Warrington.

Boston Bowl and Playtowers had evaluated the potential for introducing a similar facility to the east coast and found there to be a huge demand.

The owners feel the new

Nerf Zone will not only attract a large number of visitors from the local area but will also provide a tourist attraction for the large number of holiday makers visiting the area. Another significant benefit to the proposal is the introduction of a key indoor children’s activity within the borough.

Planning permission was granted for extensions and alterations to the existing Boston Bowl and Playtowers facility and includes a climbing wall, new entrance area, toddlers’ soft play area and new vehicular access and is planned to be completed in 2017. An application has been made to secure European funding in order to bring this further improved community facility to Boston.

Boston Bowl thanked the council’s planning department for its assistance.

Fiona Watts, manager, said: “We are hoping that this will put Boston on the map and provide a great family entertainment centre. We will be creating more jobs and hopefully more footfall through Boston. The planning department was very helpful and made the whole process very easy.”

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2e0wOGD>



Dog walkers: Carry a dog poo bag or it could cost you £100

New rules to combat the menace of dog poo in our streets and parks look set to be introduced by Boston Borough Council.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ejHQ8Z>



Local Democracy Week

Boston Borough Council welcomed over 140 pupils and students from schools and colleges in the Borough who got involved with Local Democracy Week through a series of events aimed at raising their awareness of how democracy works.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2e0xo78>



Sutterton church wins HLF support

Thanks to National Lottery players, £25,500 development funding has been awarded to the Parochial Church Council to help them progress their plans towards an application for a full grant at a later date.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2dq2en0>



Still time to get your hands on a grand

There is still time for residents and community groups from the Boston Big Local area to get their hands on up to £1,000 Community Chest funding.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2dmlHcb>

Free family arts festival events this half term

Transported, the Boston and South Holland arts organisation, is hosting two free events next week as part of the nationwide Family Arts Festival campaign. Photo credit: Ruth Pigott

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ehbgpG>



Come and join us

- **Changing Boston** – an historical perspective, a talk organised by Boston Preservation Trust on Saturday, October 22, 2pm at Fydell House, Boston.
- **Walking Netball** – England Netball’s newest programme Walking Netball is at the Princess Royal Sports Arena fortnightly on a Monday morning from 10 am till 11.30. This is England Netballs latest version of the sport. Contact Andrea Newbold opsprsa@1life.co.uk for details of the next session or call 01205 358666. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2erwgYv>