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TV celeb's Rickshaw Challenge coming through Boston

Matt Baker and the BBC's One Show Rickshaw Challenge – now an annual fixture in aid of Children In Need – will come through Boston on Wednesday, November 16.

Boston Borough Council intervened to persuade the marathon east coast cycle ride organisers to divert from their original course along John Adams Way to the London Road roundabout so that Matt and his support team come through the Market Place to meet more people.

The course will now see the team arrive in Boston between 10am and 11am from Skegness along Freiston Road/Vauxhall Road/Main Ridge East and then along John Adams Way for a short distance to the Bargate roundabout.

From there the rickshaw and entourage will process along Wide Bargate and Strait Bargate and into the Market Place, exiting along South Street to the

junction with John Adams Way. They will cross over to High Street to make their way to the ATS roundabout and then on to London Road, passing through Wyberton and Kirton on their way to King's Lynn, a total distance of around 60 miles.

The new route, some of it pedestrianised, will afford many more people an opportunity to see Matt and his team.

Matt's cycling colleagues will include six young riders who have been supported by BBC Children In Need-funded projects. Matt will ride alongside them while Alex Jones will cheer them on, live from the studio.

Since it began the Rickshaw Challenge has raised more than £12 million. You can help this year's event by turning out to cheer Matt and the team through Boston (you may appear on live TV) and by making a £5 or £10 donation by text – text TEAM to 70405 to donate a fiver and TEAM to 70410 to give a tenner.

Budding artists wanted

The Witham Central and Carlton Road Neighbourhood Action Group, has been awarded £15,000 by the Arts Council and a further £1,500 from the Royal Voluntary Service's Local People's Project to undertake a new arts project along the Haven Bank in Boston. *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2fB4AkG>*

Indoor Triathlon

The third annual Geoff Moulder Leisure Complex Indoor Triathlon took place on Sunday, October 30, with 16 participants, raising £673 for St Barnabas Hospice, Lincolnshire.

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



Welcome to Boston

A new gateway to Boston is taking shape, demonstrating a welcome to a town which is developing in an exciting and vibrant way.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2eGIH12>



Booze – Know the risks

Boston Borough Council will take part in a national campaign all next week to help raise awareness of risks around alcohol. A tittle at the weekends is a relaxing social thing to do, but when it gets out of hand alcohol can be damaging to health and relationships. The council will issue an article a day from Monday to Friday on the website – www.boston.gov.uk/AAW2016 – and will tweet using the hashtag #KnowTheRisks

Interest shown in Leverton loos

Two entrepreneurs have already come forward for talks with Boston Borough Council about future uses for Leverton public toilets. Both have catering experience and are interested in developing a cafe at the lay-by site. The council publicised the "rare and unusual business opportunity" after Lincolnshire County Council gave notice of its intention to withdraw funding for the toilets which the borough council maintains.

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

RAF Cadet Joe launches Poppy Appeal in Boston

It was a proud moment for RAF Cadet Joe Fisher – and even prouder for his mum and dad – when he marched across Boston Market Place to play his part in the official launch of this year's Remembrance events.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2f1RWHH>



Community litter champs are praised

Community-spirited volunteers, who turn out in all weathers to litter pick across the borough, have been thanked and praised by Mayor Cllr Stephen Woodliffe.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2eJa2UP>

