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Children In Need Rickshaw Challenge in town

Huge crowds cheered television celebrity Matt Baker into Boston Market Place today (Wednesday) as the BBC Children In Need Rickshaw Challenge arrived in town.

Matt, presenter on the One Show and Countryfile, arrived with his team from Skegness where they had stayed overnight, en route to their next overnight stop in King's Lynn, almost 60 miles away.

Matt, a former Blue Peter presenter, was greeted by Boston Mayor Cllr Stephen Woodliffe, and his wife, Mayoress Catharine Woodliffe.

In the midst of a huge crush of people Matt told the Mayor and Mayoress what a great turnout to welcome them to Boston.

Looking fresh and fit, despite the huge mileage and the effort of pedalling a three-wheeled rickshaw, Matt, who comes from farming stock, spoke to the Mayor about the agricultural countryside they had cycled through.

First to appear in the midst of the usual Wednesday market

was the BBC Children In Need support team featuring Pudsey, TV crew and security. Motorcycle outriders with blue lights flashing signalled the imminent arrival of the rickshaw. Matt paused to meet the Mayor and Mayoress and was immediately overwhelmed by a crowd desperate for photographs.

A BBC Children In Need spokesman said: "It's like this every time. As soon as they stop the crowds rush in. Matt is very accommodating, and wants everyone to have a chance to get their picture and chat, but he has a schedule to keep."

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 could come through the Market Place to meet more people.

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

Rogue landlord fined £15,000 for HMO offences

The man in charge of two Boston pubs has been fined a total of £15,000 and ordered to pay costs of £1,014.82 after he admitted 30 offences relating to two HMOs (House of Multiple Occupation) at Red Cow Hotel and the Great Northern Hotel. Ikram Mohammed Qutab, of Red Cow Hotel, 48 Wide Bargate, Boston, appeared before Boston Magistrates.

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



Like water off a council team's back

It may have been one of the wettest and most miserable of weeks for a while, but that did not stop Boston Borough Council grounds staff from improving access for pedestrians along Spalding Road. They were out in, at times, pouring rain, cutting back overgrowth from shrubs alongside the footpath and shovelling back weeds, grass and soil which had encroached.

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



Businesses can bid for share of £160,000

There is still time to put a bid in to The Feasibility Fund, which will help accelerate the delivery of new investment opportunities and significant economic activity across Greater Lincolnshire.

Bids can be made until November 21.

Businesses and organisations across the public, private and voluntary sectors can apply for grant funding of up to £50,000 towards detailed feasibility works on schemes which will lead to an increase in local business development and job creation.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2fEMe2T>

Be part of Boston's big night out

Can you walk and play an instrument at the same time? Do you want to be a part of the biggest event of Boston's calendar?

Brass and percussion musicians are needed to take part in this year's Illuminate event at Boston's Christmas light switch-on.

The big event takes place on the evening of Thursday, November 24.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2fCJm7y>

Alcohol Awareness Week

A staggering 114,920 adults are receiving alcohol treatment in England. In Lincolnshire 17,000 people are classified as dependent drinkers and alcohol-related hospital admissions have been increasing over the past five years.

Keep track of your accumulated alcohol consumption and the potential cost to you in terms of your health and the real cost in terms of how much you are spending <http://bit.ly/2fP1foj>

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2fY8zcf>



Welcome to Boston... Matt Baker takes a breather in the Market Place and meets Mayor and Mayoress Stephen and Catharine Woodliffe. More pictures at www.boston.gov.uk