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Big turnout to celebrate farming

Boston's first Celebration of Farming event on Sunday was so successful that plans are already being made to develop it into an annual event.

The free day-long event in the Market Place, organised by Boston Borough Council, was attended by hundreds drawn by a trail of tractors and family fun.

The borough's farming heritage was showcased with vintage tractors and machinery lining one side of the Market Place.

Farming is forever moving forwards and new farm vehicles and trade stands showed some of the modern technology employed.

Staples Vegetables were sponsors and supporters were Lincolnshire Preservation Group, Lincolnshire Oil Engine Club, NFU mutual, Burdens Group, Riseholme College, Mountains Boston Sausage, North Holland Young Farmers, Sam's House (children's crafts), Tates Fish and Chip Restaurant, Seventh Heaven Cafe and Black Cat Designs of Boston.

Main organiser, Kristina Willoughby, the council's town centre services manager, said: "For a first event we were really pleased. It all came together due largely to community effort. It was good to see how many people

turned out and the range of people of all ages who attended.

"Children kept the craft tent busy all day, having creative fun colouring tractors and creating farmyards".

Cllr Peter Bedford, Leader of Boston Borough Council, attended with his granddaughter, Gabriella (10) who attends Butterwick Primary School. He said: "She was very interested in all the tractors and grumbled that granddad was taking too much time up talking to too many people."

Cllr Paul Skinner, the council's town centre portfolio holder, said: "It was great to see so much life and vitality in the Market Place on a Sunday. The weather was kind to us. I want to thank all who sponsored and supported the event – those who exhibited and all those who came out to enjoy a free day out."

Tracey Mercer-Allen said she had "a fabulous day" and thanked the council via social media for "a lovely time. Plenty to see and do and a lovely event to go to, with the whole family. We had a three-year-old and an 80-year-old in our party and I think both had just as much fun! So pleased this is going to be an annual event."

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2mM7kyH>

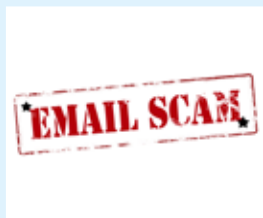


Boston Mayor, Cllr Stephen Woodliffe, with two farming friends

Council tax email fraud – Don't get scammed

Residents have been in contact to let us know they have received emails claiming to be from their local district council, offering refunds for council tax.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2n44rLe>



Students join dog poo campaign

A team of Boston College students have volunteered to help the borough council with its dog poo campaign.

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



Migrant leaders wanted

Migrants' Rights Network is seeking motivated and inspiring migrants living in Boston to join as volunteer Migrant Leaders until December 2017.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2m9u40h>



National Lottery Boost for Boston

This year, over £1million raised by National Lottery players has been invested in the on-going regeneration of Boston's town centre.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2mLRuF7>



Awards for environmental projects

Entries are invited for the Lincolnshire Environmental Awards from community groups, businesses, farmers, land managers and young environmentalists. The awards recognise environmental excellence and celebrates inspiring activities which help improve the environment and encourage sustainability.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2o1anns>

Fran rests her walking boots

Boston Borough Council's Fran Taylor is reluctantly hanging up her boots after ten years supporting walkers to cover 12,900 miles.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2n4uH8x>

