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Big clean-up confirms it: Boston's getting cleaner

Boston's tenth annual big clean-up has shown that the town is getting cleaner.

Hundreds of volunteers turned out again for the four-day litter pick, removing 4.8 tonnes of rubbish from the streets, verges and public open spaces.

In its first year, clean-up volunteers removed an astonishing ten tonnes of rubbish. Last year that was down to six tonnes, and this year's is the best ever result.

Jenny Moore, Boston Borough Council's environment and sustainability officer, and one of the main organisers of the Big Boston Clean-up, said: "A lot has changed since ten years ago to make everyone more aware of their environment. Campaigns to alert people to their responsibilities regarding litter, fly tipping and cleaning up after their dogs have entered the public consciousness. There is also more enforcement and enforcement options.

"Some will always deliberately drop litter, fly tip and refuse to clean up after their pets, which is why the big clean-up keeps on going. But each year, despite volunteer numbers remaining strong, there is less litter to remove.

"I cannot praise and thank enough every single one of those

who joined this year's clean-up. They are people of all ages who care about where they live and want to do what they can to make it better for everyone. They should all be really proud of their efforts.

"I also want to point out that for many this is not a four-day project. We have 123 litter champions who turn out in all weathers throughout the borough all year round to keep the town and villages clean and tidy."

The volunteers are members of the public who want to make a difference in their town, among them residents who already help out with regular litter picking.

Taking part this year were Boston in Bloom, Boston Mayflower, the Environment Agency, Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board, the Probation Service, Operation Flyswat team members, HM Prison North Sea Camp, Thistles, Asda, Freshtime, Tulip, Calders and Grandidge, Boston Police and Police Cadets, Boston Baptists Church, Longhurst, Inspire, Boston College, U3A, Aaron Heating, Centrepoint, McDonald's and members of the council's own street cleaning team. Boston Angling Association litter picked the Maud Foster Drain.

Read more and see four days of photographic records at <http://bit.ly/2nJ5vYH>

Boston bridge works: Six-week road closure

Chain Bridge on West End Road, Boston, will be closed for a six-week refurbishment starting Monday, July 17. [Read more at http://bit.ly/2oXF3Lc](http://bit.ly/2oXF3Lc)

Put out a welcome home sign for Swifts

A sure sign (fingers crossed) of better weather will be signalled in the next few weeks by the return of visitors from Africa. Hardy little swifts will be making their amazing annual trek back to rooftops in Boston, seeking out their traditional nesting sites. [Read more at http://bit.ly/2p5VswK](http://bit.ly/2p5VswK)



Visit Boston – gateway to The Wash

Boston is the gateway to one of the world's most important wetlands, with its resident and visiting wildlife. The Wash estuary is home to two internationally-important reserves – RSPB Freiston Shore and RSPB Frampton Marsh. And The Wash itself is an SSSI – Site of Special Scientific Interest.

This vast untamed wilderness is home to a variety of birds, but even non-twitchers can revel in the fresh air and freedom that Lincolnshire's big skies and wide-open marshes bring.

[Read more at http://bit.ly/2pbze9x](http://bit.ly/2pbze9x)



Work continues to tackle fraud in Lincolnshire

Boston Borough Council and other Lincolnshire authorities are getting smarter and more effective at fighting fraud. Having already identified more than £1 million of incorrect or fraudulent payments, councils will be continuing to crackdown on this crime. [Read more at http://bit.ly/2oHVKHp](http://bit.ly/2oHVKHp)

Boston Marathon UK 2017 was a running success

Boston's marathon on Sunday has again for the second year been declared a success – for runners, spectators and the borough.

[Read more at http://bit.ly/2ok9cQA](http://bit.ly/2ok9cQA)



Week two winner – [Read more at http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i](http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i)

