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Artwork ahoy, shipmates!

Plans are being launched for major arts installations in Boston borough highlighting its maritime heritage and historically-influential impact on the world.

It is hoped that the Boston Buoy project – using redundant Wash shipping buoys – will link with a scheme influenced by the area’s heritage, its maritime connections, exploration and the environment.

Up to 15 buoys could be used, placed in strategically important locations in a Lincoln Barons-style project, to reinforce Boston’s connections via the river with the sea.

Five of the buoys have been donated by the Port of Boston and, in a joint project with Transported, the Boston arts organisation, artists will be invited to express their interest in reinterpreting them. The other buoys will retain their used, fresh-from-the ocean patina.

Sculptures are also planned, potentially on a sight-line on both sides of the tidal river, near the Pilgrim Fathers’ Memorial. Subject to Arts Council support, Transported will commission artists to put forward ideas for the two separate, but related, installations at the memorial site and across the river at RSPB



The existing buoy at Custom House Quay, which could soon be joined by up to 15 others

Frampton Marsh.

They will feature as part of Lincolnshire’s Structures on the Edge project, which already includes permanent installations in semi-remote locations along the coast such as the Cloud Bar sky observation hide and the Round and Round House bird-watching hide, both near Anderby Creek, the Sound Tower at Chapel Six Marshes and the Reflector sculpture at RSPB Frampton Marsh.

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

Top marks for borough businesses

More premises in Boston borough have achieved top marks for food hygiene. The council’s environmental health officers have inspected the premises and rated them in line with the Food Standard Agency’s Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2iPh3Wv>



New rules to combat rogue landlords

Owners of unfit private rented accommodation could find themselves facing new penalties imposed by Boston Borough Council.

Councils have been given authority to impose civil penalties for certain Housing Act offences. These could include financial penalties of up to £30,000 for failing to comply with an improvement notice, offences in relation to licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), failure to comply with management regulations for an HMO and contravention of an overcrowding notice.

Previously these offences had to be dealt with by the courts.

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

204 new homes for Boston?

An outline application has been submitted for 204 new homes on 9.62 hectares of land south of Wainfleet Road in Boston. Applicant, Mr Richard Hardy, has indicated a mix of 164 one, two, three and four-plus bedroom houses and 40 classed as social housing. Details of layout, appearance, landscaping and scale will be submitted at a later date

Full details can be found at <http://bit.ly/2EoAZZY>

Boston’s young ‘ambassadors’ to Japan

The latest young “ambassadors” from Boston have been selected to go to Hakusan, the town’s exchange city in Japan. As part of the 2018/2019 Hakusan City Exchange 12 students from the Boston’s Boys’ Grammar, Girls’ High School and Giles Academy have been selected to represent the Boston Area over the next two years.

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



Have your say on council tax

The council wants your comments on its draft budget which proposes a council tax increase for 2018/19 of the borough’s share of your bill of around 10p per week. The proposed 2.98 per cent increase would mean council tax payers in a band D property would pay £183.60 as the borough’s share of their total council tax bill – an increase of just over 10p a week. Almost 90 per cent of households will pay less as most properties in the borough are rated below band D.

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

Taking the cake

Geoff Moulder Leisure Complex was nominated by an appreciative member of the public for Lincs FM’s ‘Take the Cake’. Pictured from left, Tom Willets, Georgia Hodgkiss, Beth Hutchings and Dan Lewis receiving the cakes from Lincs FM’s presenter John Marshall.

More information regarding take the cake can be seen at www.lincsfm.co.uk/win/take-the-cake/



Week 38 winner – *Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i>*

