

FRATTON BIG LOCAL Delivers 2017

What is Fratton Big Local?

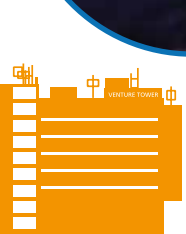
Fratton Big Local is a Big Lottery funded 10 year project which aims to make lasting improvements to Fratton. It is run by a Partnership of local residents, who make decisions about how to spend the funding. The Partnership spent nearly two years talking to Fratton residents to find out what improvements people would like to see, then wrote a plan based on what had been said. This booklet tells you about the third year of Fratton Big Local's work in Fratton.

What is in the Fratton Big Local Plan?

The plan describes the five main aims of Fratton Big Local, which came from what local residents had said. Everything that we do has to fit into at least one of these aims:

- Making Fratton an attractive destination
- Improving and making the best use of the green space available
- Developing & improving community life
- Working with people to help them think about what they want, hope & need
- Breaking down barriers and involving the whole community

**You can read the full plan, and a shorter version,
on our website at www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk**



Who runs Fratton Big Local?

Decisions are made by the Fratton Big Local Partnership, which is made up of voting members and non-voting members.

Voting members have to live, work or play in Fratton.

Non-voting members are people who have skills that could be useful to the Partnership, or work for organisations that provide services to Fratton. Two non-voting places are reserved for a local City Councillor and someone who works for the City Council.

There have to be between 8 and 12 voting members, and at least 51% of the Partnership has to be living in Fratton.

What support does Fratton Big Local get?

Fratton Big Local has a 'Locally Trusted Organisation' (LTO) which is needed to receive, account for and manage all Big Lottery funding on our behalf – our LTO is currently Action Hampshire. The LTO also manages our employees – Fratton Big Local employs a part-time community development worker (who helps the Partnership set up and run projects) and two part-time admin workers (who make sure all the bills are paid, writes up minutes of meetings etc).

How many other Big Locals are there?

There are 150 other Big Locals across England – the nearest to Fratton is on Wecock Farm in Waterlooville.

The Big Lottery funding for all the Big Locals is managed by a national organisation called Local Trust, which was set up for this purpose. Local Trust sends a representative to Fratton Big Local Partnership meetings.

How can I get involved?

Volunteering

We're always looking for volunteers to help our projects reach as many people as possible. If you'd like to help out, contact Anna, our Community Development Worker, on 07841 341 969 or community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk You can also contact Anna for information about the following:

Fratton Federation

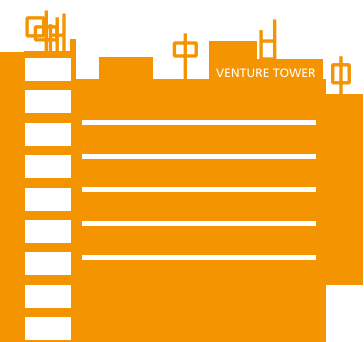
Bi monthly meeting where people who run organisations or provide services in Fratton meet to share information and ideas

Fratton Traders Association

Meetings for Traders in Fratton Road to share challenges and ideas and plan events like the annual Fratton Family Festival.

Social Enterprise Group

This is a new group for people running or hoping to set up Social Enterprises.



What area does Fratton Big Local cover?

Everything that we do has to benefit people who live, work or play in the council ward of Fratton:



Making Fratton an Attractive Destination

What did we do in 2016/2017?

We have continued to support **Fratton Road Traders Association** and hold regular meetings. Representatives of the association worked closely with FBL to run the **second Fratton Family Festival**. The southern end of Fratton Road was again closed off for a whole day and filled with stalls, activities, games, small children's rides and lots of music and other entertainment. The weather was wonderful and again 10,000 people took part.

We're not the only people who think the Fratton Family Festival is a good thing in November it received an Award from The News.

There were more **Christmas lights in Fratton Road**. For the second time thanks to FBL funding this year there were even more decorative lights in the road, going all the way to North End. Helping Fratton to shine!

The **Third Festival of Light** was held in December. In November artists ran workshops in local schools and community venues plus a 'drop in workshop' at the Bridge Shopping Centre. Over 250 "Growing" themed lanterns were created. On a warm and clear December night 350 people paraded glowing carrots and shining strawberry lanterns from the Royal British Legion down Fratton Road into St Mary's Church for refreshments and live music.

What do we plan to do in 2017/18?

The **Third Fratton Family Festival** will be on **Sunday 17th September 2017**. There are opportunities to volunteer on the day, for local charities to raise funds, and even more to do than last year. If you would like to help with the organisation or perform on the day, just get in touch.

For a third year there will be **Christmas lights in Fratton Road** ready for this year's **Fourth Festival of Light** on **Thursday 7th December**. We hope to make the event even bigger and better, so look out for the workshop dates in late October and all through November. We also hope to collaborate with Aspex Gallery to bring a light artist to work with local residents and create something very special for the night. This will only happen if we get additional funding from the Arts Council of England.



Improving Green Spaces

What did we do in 2016/2017?

In May 2016 we opened the **Fratton Global Garden** at Manor Infant School. You told us you wanted somewhere to grow and the school council said they wanted a polytunnel and the two things came together. Despite not starting until quite late in the growing season school children and volunteers from the community grew courgettes, cucumbers, herbs, peppers, tomatoes and even a watermelon plus some beautiful big sunflowers. In October we held a harvest celebration in the garden attended by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and over 100 local people. Everyone in Fratton is welcome to get involved, from keen gardeners, who can share their skills with others, to people who have never grown before. It's a great activity for family groups too. The garden is open after 2.00pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays and at others times as well. More information on: www.facebook.com/FrattonGlobalGarden



Improvements at Kingston Rec

You have told us that improvements to the Rec are important to you and that you really liked the Davis White designs based on your ideas.

During 2016 we have been working with Portsmouth City Council on the best way to turn plans into reality and applying for the funds. So far we have funding from Veolia and Trusthouse. With our own contribution and Portsmouth City Council's generous help we should get the total needed.



What do we plan to do in 2017/18?

The Fratton Global Garden will soon be enclosed by a fence within the school grounds. This means that families and individuals from Fratton can grow their own vegetables and fruit on mini allotments in the garden. Once we have raised the funds we hope to install a beautiful gate where children's drawings have been made into durable wrought iron by our local Fratton Blacksmith. We will be part of an open community garden event in the summer and again hold a **Harvest Celebration on 18th October**. Will we grow a bigger watermelon this year, and just how many sunflowers can we get around the garden fence? Come along and get growing and find out!

Improvements at Kingston Rec

If all goes well work on site should begin as the days start to get shorter and colder. It will mean that the play area can't be used for a while but once the work is completed we think the disruption will have been worth it. The new improved play area should reopen in Spring 2018. We shall also keep applying for funds for the other improvements you thought would make the Rec a fabulous place for everyone.



Developing & improving community life

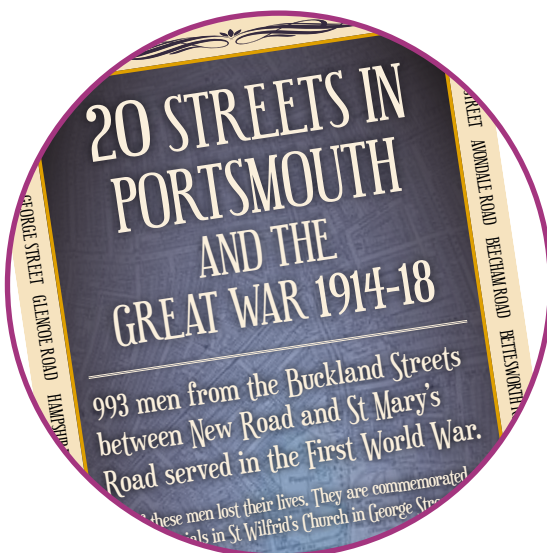
What did we do in 2016/2017?

This year we took over the inside of St Mary's Church at **the May Fayre** and offered a number of local charities and groups an opportunity to raise funds by running games and activities as well as publicise what they do. You could find out more about the Royal British Legion, the Madani Academy and other local groups, plus activities elsewhere in Portsmouth, Dickens Fellowship, Kings Theatre, Mustard Seed Ministries, and much more. Not just leaflets - every one provided a game or activity for you to do.

For FBL it was a great opportunity to tell people about the community garden, the second Fratton Family Festival and our other projects. It was also a chance to hear from you about how we were doing and what else you would like done.

We ran our third **The Big Lunch** which was part of a national programme of events happening all over the UK that aims to get local people meeting, eating and talking together. In Fratton we held a picnic and provided free drinks, fruit and cake (thanks to Southern Co-Operative Funeralcare). You provided the sandwiches and some of you even brought chairs and picnic tables too. We had a bouncy castle and a brass band and Pompey in the Community added to the day by running football and other activities for children. It was a good afternoon out in St Mary's Churchyard.

WW1 project 20 Streets in Portsmouth came to an end this year with a display at St Wilfrid's Church in March 2017. A group of committed volunteers had researched into the lives of men who served in the First World War and came from Fratton. The volunteers worked alongside, and learnt from, university staff and students. Together they achieved so much. If you didn't make the exhibition don't worry - much of the information discovered is now on DVD which you can get from www.facebook.com/20StreetsinPortsmouth/



What do we plan to do in 2017/18?

This year's **May Fayre** is on **1st May**. We will be in the church again with even more activities and games run by local groups and charities. Come and find us.

After running **The Big Lunch** for three years we are delighted that on **18th June** Fratton Community Centre will be taking on the event and adding more activities in Trafalgar Place. We will be there too to offer our support and join in the fun. Do you want to run your own Big Lunch event in Fratton? Get in touch; we may be able to help in a number of ways.

We also hope to run a play event in Kingston Rec and screen a film, both at the start of the school holidays. This will be alongside youth work from Pompey in the Community (more information later on).



Working with people to help them think about what they want, hope & need

What did we do in 2016/2017?

'Dear Me' Last year's writing competition was under way when we were writing *Fratton Delivers* Spring 2016 so we could not tell you that the winners of our competition to write a letter to a future self were: 10 years and under winner Zahar Eftekhari and runners up Ellis Doba and George Wearn, and 11 to 12 years winner Marley Dale and runners up Rosisin Ann Catlin and Hugo Cherry. As well as book tokens all the prize winners were invited to attend the launch of "When We Were Giants" (our judge Amber Lee Dodds' first novel) held at Blackwells book shop. We also worked with Blackwells to run World Book Stalls in the Portsmouth Academy for Girls and Newbridge Junior School during Portsmouth's 2016 Bookfest. A great celebration of writing here in Fratton!



Solar Panels

Last year we told you that we were looking at installing Solar Panels on buildings in Fratton. We now have three probable sites. We hope that the panels will provide cheaper electricity for the building housing them and an ongoing income which will enable some of our projects to continue after 2023.



What do we plan to do in 2017/18?

We listened to staff at the Academy and our last year's judge of **Dear Me**, and have changed our letter writing competition to a short story competition **One Day in Fratton...** We have also changed the age range. Now anyone, from the age of 9 years to adult is able to take part, in three age groups with different word limits. As we write this other writers all over Fratton are busily at work so we can't tell who has won yet. We can however tell you that this year's judge is Sarah Cheverton from the Star and Crescent website and so, as part of their prize, winning writers will be having their work published on this website. One Day in Fratton is part of Portsmouth's 2017 Bookfest adding to the events in Fratton's Carnegie Library including our very own writers' workshop.



Breaking down barriers and involving the whole community

What did we do in 2016/2017?

In 2016 we ran **18 ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)** classes in Fratton which were for women only. 23 women took part and between them spoke seven different languages. The sessions took place at **MAKE** in Cornwall Road.

We started our new **Youth Project** in September when Pompey in the Community took over running four new sessions a week for young people in Fratton. They also ran sports sessions at the Fratton Family Festival and a taster dance session. This was a lead in to a Flash Mob dance at Fratton Community Centre and a special surprise performance at Fratton Park on Saturday 26th November.



What do we plan to do in 2017/18?

This year for the first time we ran classes for **ESOL** including men. As they are going on now we will need to tell you more about them next year.

We want to see our **Youth Project** grow. Fratton Big Local, Fratton Community Centre and Pompey in the Community are very keen to work closely with any groups providing activities for young people in Fratton to increase and improve opportunities. We aim to create a youth friendly area and also to hear from young people how they would like Fratton to improve and change.

We plan to work closely with the Aldingbourne@MAKE in Cornwall Road who support people with learning difficulties at the Fratton Global Garden, the Family Festival and the Festival of Light and other creative projects.



Fratton Big Local Community Grants

Lots of groups and individuals in Fratton come up with good ideas that just need a bit of funding to get them going. To help things happen we have our Community Grants.

What is the 'Fratton Big Local Community Chest'?

Small scale grants for projects which will benefit Fratton residents, and which will fit in with one or more of the aims on page 1.

Who can apply?

Individuals or community groups can apply for funds to help them run a new local project.

The FBL Partnership Board will make the final decision on which projects are funded. Groups applying must be 'not-for-profit' and have a bank account with at least two signatories.

How much can be applied for?

Between £100 - £300, but in exceptional circumstances £500 can be awarded.

Please note if the FBL grant is for part of a bigger project all other funding must be in place before you can receive your FBL grant.

Projects must

- Benefit residents of Fratton (see map on page 3)
- Be for new activities or projects
- Include estimates of the costs (including VAT)
- Prove that all necessary *DBS checks have been undertaken if you are working with children or vulnerable adults
- Put the Fratton Big Local logo on all publicity relating to the funded project
- Spend the funding within 12 months of receiving the grant
- Complete a monitoring and evaluation form. This should show how the money has been spent and you could be asked for receipts/invoices to prove this.

The Fratton Big Local Community Chest will not grant fund:

- Projects for solely religious or political activities
- Projects which exclude people and do not comply with 2010 Equality Act
- Projects which will only benefit one individual
- Projects which have already started

This year's projects helped by our grants include: Flash Mob workshops, Family Workshops for the Queen's Jubilee at Penhale and the Minority Mothers Network Sewing and Family Workshops.

Grant application forms are available on www.frattonbiglocal.org

*DBS Disclosure and Barring Service



Fratton Community Centre

Fun, friendly and in the heart of the city

Fratton Community Centre is here for you, your family and friends with a range of groups and activities for all ages and abilities.

Come and join us at Fratton Community Centre, make new friends, learn a new skill and even get fit!

As well as hosting various groups we are home to the Bunny Warren Nursery and Chit Chats Cafe. Did you know we have a fully equipped Sports Hall and a purpose built Gym?

If you fancy Zumba, Yoga, joining a craft group, Basketball, Dance, social activities or just a cuppa in the comfort of our Café pop in, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

The Centre hosts a range of football clubs for all ages and other sporting activities including Karate, Chinese Boxing, Badminton and Volleyball. Fancy being part of a Flash Mob? – they practise here every Saturday morning as does our Drama group.

Or maybe you would like to start a group yourself. If you need help or advice with this why not pop in and have a chat with our Manager, Julie, who will be pleased to help – there are even funds available through Fratton Big Local which you can apply for to help get your group off the ground.

Fratton Community Centre is open seven days a week and is based in Trafalgar Place off Clive Road. We have been providing affordable classes and events for generations of Portsmouth residents.

Pop in and meet our welcoming staff, they are here to help you get the most out of life and Fratton Community Centre.

We look forward to meeting you!

Fratton Community Centre
Trafalgar Place
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Portsmouth PO1 5JJ

Telephone 023 92 751441

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Gym

The small friendly Gym within Fratton Community Centre will welcome you regardless of your level of entry, physical ability or training goal.

Here at our Fitzone Gym we aim to make a measurable difference to the health and wellbeing of our Community. David, our Gym Manager, can advise you on a fitness programme designed to create long term changes in health and mind, whilst transforming bodies. Whatever your age or health challenge, he will help you get the most out of your Gym experience.

As well as putting together an individual fitness plan to meet your requirements, David also runs our very popular Circuit classes. Check with him which class will best suit your ability level.

Our Gym is pay-as-you-go. There are no contracts or direct debits, making it easier for you to budget. There is also free on-site parking. To get started all you need to do is book an Induction.

If you would like to visit and find out more about our Gym, please pop in during opening hours and a member of staff will be happy to show you around.



Carnegie Library

Carnegie Library welcomes all ages from nought to ninety nine and beyond, providing books for loan, information and learning services, health and wellbeing support and use of computers, all free of charge. Check out the Rhyme Time's for babies and Toddlers at 10.30 every Monday, Knit and Natter 2pm on Tuesdays or Food for Thought 11am on Wednesday's once a month. The library offers holiday activities for children and the children's Summer Reading Challenge every July and August. Come in to enjoy a quiet read in the sensory garden and admire the beautiful stained glass in this listed heritage building.

With a large community room and IT suite there are opportunities for you to use the library to develop your own plans and ideas. Maybe a Mums and Toddler Group for you and your friends, a Reading Group, Scrabble Club, Saturday Dad's Day or Code Club? Whatever you enjoy, Carnegie library will welcome you.

Contact Jane Skinner Tel. 023 9282 2581

Opening hours:

Monday 9.30 - 18.00

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 - 17.00

Closed for lunch from 12.30 - 13.30

Saturday 10.00 - 15.30



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Fratton Big Local

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How can you contact Fratton Big Local?

You can phone us on:

02392 294 341 or 07841 341 969

Email the administrator on

office@frattonbiglocal.org.uk

Email the community development worker on

community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk

Find us on Facebook

We post details of all our events on our Facebook page. Keep Looking!

www.facebook.com/FrattonBigLocal/

Calendar of Events

Fratton Global Garden, at Manor Infant School, Inverness Road

Open Wednesdays and Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm, term time only

May Fayre at St Mary's Church, Fratton Road

Monday 1st May 10.00am - 4.00pm

Big Lunch at Fratton Community Centre, Trafalgar Place, Fratton

Sunday 18th June 12 noon - 3.00pm

Fratton Global Garden, at Manor Infant School, Inverness Road

1st July Community Garden Open Day

3rd Fratton Family Festival in the south end of Fratton Road

Sunday 17th September 10.00am - 4.00pm

Fratton Global Garden, at Manor Infant School, Inverness Road

18 October Global Garden Harvest event.

4th Festival of Light along Fratton Road and in St Mary's Church, Fratton

Thursday 7th December 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Lantern making workshops throughout November.

One Day in Fratton

February/March 2018

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