

# FRATTON BIG LOCAL Delivers 2018

## 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 fourth 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](http://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), a part-time Finance Officer, and a part-time Admin Assistant.

## How many other Big Locals are there?

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

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 send 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. It makes FBL's work more effective and can be an opportunity to meet new people or gain new skills.

If you'd like to get involved, contact Anna, our Community Development Worker, on 07841 341 969 or [community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk](mailto: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. They help to plan events such as the annual Fratton Family Festival.



All the images on this page and the front cover were taken by the official photographer at the 2017 festival.

## 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 2017/2018?

We have continued to support **Fratton Road Traders Association**. Representatives of the association worked closely with FBL to run the third **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 not quite as good as in the first two years but it didn't stop thousands of people coming and enjoying themselves. Yet again, we think that 10,000 people took part.

For the third time, there were more **Christmas lights in Fratton Road**. Thanks to FBL funding this year the decorative lights in the road went all the way to North End. Helping Fratton to shine!

The Fourth **Festival of Light** was held on 7 December 2018. In preparation, during November artists ran workshops in local schools and community venues plus a 'drop in workshop' at Make in Cornwall Road and at Fratton Community Centre. Over 250 'Sky at Night' themed lanterns were created. The night itself was cold and clear. Over 300 lanterns were carried from the Royal British Legion down Fratton Road and into St Mary's Church. We then had refreshments accompanied by live music. The procession was led by Batala who performed in the Church later along with St Mary's Choir and Top Banana Circus. It really was a magical event that temporarily changed Fratton Road. **Missed It?** Never mind, you can see a short film about it on [www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk](http://www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk)

## What do we plan to do in 2018/19?

The fourth **Fratton Family Festival** will be on **Sunday 16 September 2018**. 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. FBL is particularly keen to hear from **local performance groups** or people who run classes and would like to put on a display and high light what is on offer in Fratton, so do get in touch.

For a fourth year there will be **Christmas lights in Fratton Road** ready for this year's fifth **Festival of Light** on **Thursday 6 December 2018**. We hope to make the event even bigger and better than last years, so look out for the workshop dates in late October and all through November.

We would really like to hear from people running groups, and organisations not already involved, who would like to learn how to make lanterns. 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 2017/2018?

Things have been growing in the **Fratton Global Garden** at Manor Infant School and we have also recycled the schools old fencing to enclose the area which has meant that families can have their own small allotment area. On the 18 October 2017 we held our second **Harvest Celebration** at the garden.

### Improvements at Kingston Rec

Since we first started asking people in Fratton what they wanted changed in Fratton, improvement in Kingston Rec have been the top priority. To try to make sure we got it right, we have involved local people in the ideas, planning and in the final design. At last on 8 January 2018 practical work started. Despite the rain and mud the work has been progressing rapidly and we hope the transformed park will be open by **Easter 2018**.

The **play area** contains lots of **exciting** features that local people asked for and which have been specially made for us. It should be a wonderful addition to Fratton that everyone can be proud of.

FBL have paid for a third the cost of this project from its own funds and also received grants from Veolia Environmental Trust and Trusthouse Charitable Foundation. In addition, Portsmouth City Council have overseen the installation of the play equipment.

### Trees in Cities

As part of FBL's work in Kingston Rec, **forty extra trees** are going to be planted in the fenced off play area. In addition, the National charity 'Trees in Cities' donated 7 more trees which were planted in the Rec with the help of local school children in March.

## What do we plan to do in 2018/19?

As well as work in the fenced off play area FBL has funding for two **outdoor table tennis tables** to be permanently situated in Kingston Rec near the all-weather courts on the St Mary's Road side of the park. They should be on site in April. Once they are there, people can bring along their own bats and balls or borrow some of FBLs. We've also had offers from volunteers to teach table tennis to those that want to learn a new skill. Could table tennis be the new craze in Fratton?

We still have ambitions to improve other green spaces in Fratton but that is dependent on FBL finding more funding which we are still looking for.





# Developing & improving community life

## What did we do in 2017/2018?

Again, 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. The Royal British Legion, the Madani Academy and other local groups took part as well as groups from other parts of the city. One even included a small inflatable robot. For FBL it was a great opportunity to meet the **local community**, hear from you about how we were doing and what else you would like FBL to do.

In June, there was a fifth '**The Big Lunch**' in Fratton, which was part of a national programme of events that aims to get local people meeting, eating and talking together. Last year FBL worked in partnership with **Fratton Community Centre** to create an even bigger event, in and outside the Community Centre, and the church yard as well. The day was so hot that people really enjoyed eating their **picnic** in the cool shade of Churchyard trees.

World War one project '**20 Streets in Portsmouth**' ended last year, but you can still find the information collected about Fratton men who served in WWI on a DVD which you can get from [www.facebook.com/20StreetsinPortsmouth/](https://www.facebook.com/20StreetsinPortsmouth/)

## What do we plan to do in 2018/19?

This year's **May Fayre** is on **Monday 7 May 2018**. We will be in the church again with even more **activities** and **games** run by local groups and charities. Also FBL is beginning to work on ideas for the next 3 years, so it's a great **opportunity** for you to tell us how you would like to see Fratton develop and improve, and tell us your **ideas** for projects.

FBL are delighted that on **Sunday 24 June 2018** Fratton Community Centre will be holding a celebration with activities in and around Trafalgar Place. As part of this FBL plans to have a **Parade** from Trafalgar Place, down Clive Road and into Kingston Rec. You can make something to wear or wave at a FBL workshop beforehand, or at home, and then join in the fun. Bring your own sandwiches, and be part of a **Big Communal Picnic in Kingston Rec** at the end of the parade to celebrate the transformation of the play area and also be part of the national '**Great Get Together**'.



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

## What did we do in 2017/2018?

'One Day in Fratton' was last year's writing competition. We had a great response and many fantastic entries. The competition was judged by Sarah Cheverton, the editor of the Star and Crescent website. The winners were: Adults – 17 years, winner, David Eamey and runner up Roshni Begum; 12-16 years, winner, Tia Walker and runners up Billie Legg & Elisa Dragomir; 9-11 years, winner, Marnie Rapley and runner up Reece Stewart.

The **Prize giving** took place in the Portsmouth Academy where winners received certificates and book tokens. All of the winning entries were posted on the 'Star and Crescent' website.

**Fratton Big Local** has just completed its first long term large project, the "Transformation of Kingston Rec ". Now we would really like to know what Fratton residents think we should do next. Come and see us or contact FBL via letter, email, Facebook or phone. All the contacts are on the back page.

## What do we plan to do in 2018/19?

We are about to run our second short story competition 'One Day in Fratton.'

This year's judge will be Ali Sparkes, a local author with a national reputation, who has written over 40 books. In 2017, her novel 'Car Jacked' was nominated for Children's Book Of The Year 'and she has won both the Blue Peter's 'Book I Could Not Put Down' and 'Book Of The Year ' Award. As well as prizes, the winner's stories will again be posted on the Star and Crescent website <http://www.starandcrescent.org.uk/>.

FBL will continue to work towards installing **Solar Panels** on buildings in Fratton and also look at others way of creating a long term income to support local activities after the Big Local funding runs out.

### Raising Aspirations in Fratton

As we know Fratton is full of talented hard working young people and FBL wants to see them flourish. Working with schools and other organisation on 13 July 2018 we will be running a **Raising Aspirations day** at St Mary's Church. It will be opened by local Fratton boy, Stephen Morgan MP for Portsmouth South.





# Breaking down barriers and involving the whole community

## What did we do in 2017/2018?

Last year we ran 18 **ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)** classes on a weekly basis. These were for men and women and were held at Fratton Community Centre. Participants told us that being able to **improve their English** locally was really important to them and it helps them to **gain employment**.

Pompey in the Community (PitC) have been running a **Youth Project** for young people in Fratton for over a year. This includes football and other sports in Kingston Rec and Portsmouth Academy plus the Flash Mob at Fratton Community Centre and a youth group for Fratton Young People the PitC base.

FBL ran Play Local events during the October and February half term in Kingston Rec or FCC when wet. This has given **children, young people** and their **families**, an opportunity to make things with Y services, who run a youth group at FCC on Monday evenings or with Splodge Designs, try circus skills with Top Banana Circus or Music with Boogies Mites and sports with PitC.

## What do we plan to do in 2018/19?

Planning is well under way for more **ESOL classes**, this time based at Penhale Infant School, starting after the School Easter Holidays. Again these sessions will be for men and women.

Pompey in the Community are keen to continue to work closely with any groups providing **activities for young people** in Fratton to increase and improve opportunities. This year they hope to be running **cooking** and **UV football** at Fratton Community Centre, in addition to their on going programme.

FBL will be supporting the **African Women's Forum** to run workshops at an event on 14 July 2018 in St Mary's Church yard, to celebrate what would have been Nelson **Mandela's** 100th Birthday. It should be an opportunity for people to come **together** and enjoy **South African** inspired **performances** and **food** from world food stalls in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in the heart of Fratton.





# 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?

You can apply for £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 FBL 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: Viper Soccer Sessions, Circle Dancing Taster Workshops, Fratton Live At Home, Sewing Circle and Saturday Kids Zone for Deaf Children.

**Grant application forms are available on [www.frattonbiglocal.org](http://www.frattonbiglocal.org)**



# 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!

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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 looks forward to welcoming all ages in a manner which meets the needs and ambitions of the whole community. We shall continue to provide a wide range of books for adults, children and teens plus information and learning services, health and wellbeing support. The IT suite provides an opportunity for you to use the library to develop your ideas with access to computers and Wi-Fi, all free of charge.

Individuals and families can enjoy story time, creative activities and learning programmes. Check out the Rhyme Times for babies and toddlers at 10.30 every Monday, 'Knit & Natter 2pm on Tuesdays or Food for Thought 11am on Wednesday's once a month. The library offers holiday activities for children plus the popular Summer Reading Challenge every July and August.

Would you like to start a Mums' and Toddler group, a Reading Group, Scrabble or Chess Club, a Saturday Club or a Friend of Carnegie Group? Whatever you enjoy, Carnegie Library will welcome you.

Come and enjoy the sensory garden and admire the beautiful stained glass and more in this elegant, historic Portsmouth landmark!

**Contact: Jane Skinner Tel: 023 9282 2581**

**Opening Hours:**

**Monday 09:30-18:00, Tuesday, Wednesday and**

**Friday 09:30-17:00**

Closed for lunch 12:30-13:30

**Saturday 09:30-15.30**



# Calendar of Events

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## 'One Day in Fratton' Writing Competition

April/May 2018

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## May Fayre

Monday 7 May 2018

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## Fratton Community Celebrates and the Fratton Big Local Parade

Sunday 24 June 2018

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## Raising Aspirations in Fratton

Friday 13 July 2018

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## Freedom and Harmony: Mandela 100

Saturday 14 July 2018

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## Fratton Family Festival

Sunday 16 September 2018

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## Lantern Making Workshops

November/December 2018

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## Festival of Light

Thursday 6 December 2018

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**[www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk](http://www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk)**

### Fratton Big Local

c/o Fratton Community Centre, Trafalgar Place, Fratton, Portsmouth, PO1 5JJ

#### 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](mailto:office@frattonbiglocal.org.uk)**

Email the community development worker on

**[community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk](mailto:community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk)**

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### Find us on Facebook

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

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