

# FRATTON BIG LOCAL Delivers 2019



## 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. Over the last year The Partnership talked with, and listened to, Fratton residents to find out what improvements people would like to see. The next 3-year plan was written based on these conversations. This booklet tells you about the fifth year of Fratton Big Local's work in Fratton, the last of the former 3 year plan.

### What is in the Fratton Big Local Plan?

Our Local plan is set in the context of National Big Local Outcomes:

Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them. People will have increased skills and confidence, so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future.

The community make a difference to the needs it prioritises.  
People will feel that their area is an even better place to live.

### 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 51% of which 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, so upto 7 need to live work or play in Fratton.



## 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 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.

**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.

## Fratton CAN!

The FBL Partnership will keep working closely with the community, volunteers, local businesses and partner organisations to make the most positive impact it can in the remaining 5 years of the project. We will explore ways we might leave a legacy behind us when the project ends. It's an ongoing conversation, so please get in touch with FBL and give us your views.

You can read the full plan, and a shorter version on our website, at [www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk](http://www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk).

FBL know Fratton is full of talented, hard-working, young people and we want to see them flourish. Working with schools and other organisations, so on 13 July 2018 we ran a **Raising Aspirations** meeting at St Mary's Church opened by local Fratton boy, Stephen Morgan MP for Portsmouth South. As a result, FBL is now running a number of projects under the theme of Fratton C.A.N. (**Celebrating**, **Aspiring** and **Nurturing**).



## 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 2018/2019?

**Kingston Rec play area was transformed**, because since we first started asking people in Fratton what they wanted changed in Fratton, improvement in Kingston Rec has 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. On 8 January 2018 practical work started. The weather was not our friend but despite the mud, rain and snow the play area was transformed. FBL paid for a third of the cost of the play area project from its own funds and received grants from Veolia Environmental Trust and Trusthouse Charitable Foundation. In addition, Portsmouth City Council have overseen the installation of the play equipment.



The play area opened in April but we waited until **Sunday 24th June** to hold the Big Celebration Parade. Cllr Lee Mason (The Lord Mayor); Cllr Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South MP); Batala Samba Band and lots and lots of local people took part, despite an England world cup game! FBL were delighted that Fratton Community Centre worked with us on this event, holding a celebration with activities in and around Trafalgar Place. The parade set off from the Centre, dancing and waving along Clive Road to the Rec. This event was also part of the national 'Great Get Together'.

The year may have started cold and wet, however, when the summer came it was hot and dry. Would all the 40 plus new young trees survive? It looks like most have. If you are as proud of the play area as FBL is, why not join 'Friends of Kingston Rec' to offer practical helps and ideas? The group can be found on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/groups/1782185731870076](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1782185731870076)

As well as work in the fenced off play area, FBL and Sports England funded a **table tennis table**, which is installed near the all-weather courts on the St Mary's Road side of the park. You can bring your own bats and balls along to play or borrow FBL's from The Spar shop on St Mary's Road or ask at the reception in Fratton Community Centre, Trafalgar Place.

You also told us adults wanted to exercise in the Rec and so FBL has installed 5 pieces of **Parkletics outdoor gym equipment**. There are no moving pieces, you just use your own body weight which the Chief Medical Officer says "allows natural progression for every age or level of fitness". To help you get the best from the equipment you can find out more information on [www.parkletics.com](http://www.parkletics.com) and download the **free Parkletics app** from your app store.

The **May Fayre** was on **Monday 7th May 2018**. FBL were in the church again with even more activities and games run by local groups and charities. It was also a great opportunity for FBL to talk to lots of local people about their ideas for the next 3 years.

In the Spring, FBL ran its second short story competition, this year judged by Ali Sparkes, a local author 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 judging the entries, Ali ran a writing workshop in the Madani Academy.

**FBL ran more ESOL classes in May and June.**

First based at Penhale Infant School and then moving on to Fratton Community Centre, they proved so popular we had to run a second session.

FBL continued to commission Pompey in the Community to run sports activities for young people in Fratton, with several sessions running throughout the Summer.





***“The parade set off from the Centre, dancing and waving along Clive Road to the Rec”***



# FBL encourages many in our community to break down barriers.



On 14th July, **The African Women's Forum**, with FBL support, ran an event in St Mary's Churchyard, to celebrate what would have been **Nelson Mandela's** 100th Birthday. It was an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy South African inspired performances and food in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in the heart of Fratton.



There was lots more free music at the fourth **Fratton Family Festival** on Sunday 16 September along with craft activities, circus workshops, children's rides and entertainment, food and stalls. At the community space, Stageskool Theatre Arts, Capoeira, Kyra Jayne School of Dance and Phoenix School of Dance (who all run classes in Fratton or close by) performed. Real local talent! This was also another great opportunity to ask people what FBL should be doing next.

The **Journeys Festival Weekender** on 27th and 28th October provided another weekend of music, making activities and food. Again, supported by FBL it was held in St Mary's churchyard. A wonderful space for performance and celebrations.

**The PONToon project**, an exhibition of photographic works in Fratton's St Mary's Church and supported by FBL, was a result of an eight week programme developing the digital skills of women from migrant backgrounds. This was also part of the Journeys Festival International, Portsmouth.





During November, FBL working with Splodge Designs, ran 15 workshops, where 300 people made 200 Lanterns. On 6th December, despite the poor weather, over 100 people took part in the lantern parade and Fratton was alight again for the fifth annual **Festival of Lights**.

To make the evening even better, 32 multi-coloured, **Neon Lights** were positioned on the exterior of St Mary's Church. This was the culmination of several months' work by the artist Alison Carlier and people in Fratton. It was a collaboration between FBL and Aspex Gallery, which was funded by Arts Council England. The letters are soon to reappear in other in other buildings in Fratton and beyond, so keep an eye out!

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Here in Fratton, FBL has done a lot in its first 5 years but there is still more to do. We have consulted with and listened to local residents once again to find out what they would like to see happen next. Throughout 2018, there were consultation activities at events and online. Local people were asked to vote for the projects that mattered to them, and the ones that they felt would make the most difference to the area.

The FBL Partners reviewed the work they have done, and took into account what people are saying they would like to see next, to rewrite the FBL mission, vision and aims so that everyone can see what we are hoping to achieve for Fratton.

**VISION:** Working together making Fratton a better place to live, work and play.

**MISSION:** To support projects and initiatives that improve the environment and enhance community life for the residents of Fratton.

FBL will deliver this mission by working towards the following aims:

**We will** arrange and support events that bring the community together to **celebrate** life in Fratton.

**We will** seek projects that **aspire** to enhance community life and improve the environment in Fratton

**We will** **nurture** opportunities for the community to come together and take decisive action

- Create opportunities for the community to celebrate success and achievements.
- Support good mental health and wellbeing.
- Explore community meals.



**If you have an idea for a community event, please get in touch.**





# Calendar of events for 2019

## **Parkletics Eggstravaganza 10.00am - 12.30pm**

Monday 22nd April 2019

## **May Fayre at St Mary's Church and Churchyard**

*Find us inside the Church from 10am-4.00pm*

Monday 6th May 2019



## **Fratton Community Celebration (FCC) and Great Get Together Parade**

*Starting at FCC at 12.00noon. The Fratton C.A.N Time Capsule will be taken into St Mary's Church Vaults at 12.30pm at the end of the Parade in the Churchyard.*

Sunday 24 June 2018

## **5th Fratton Family Festival Southern End of Fratton Road 11.00-4.30pm**

Sunday 15th September 2019

## **Lantern Making Workshops**

November/December 2019



## **6th Festival of Lights Parade from Fratton Bridge**

*Starting at 6.30pm prompt to St Mary's Church. Event ends at 8.00pm*

Thursday 5th December 2019

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

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