



FRATTON BIG LOCAL Delivers 2021

What is Fratton Big Local?

Fratton Big Local is a Big Lottery funded 10-year project. It was launched in 2013 and 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. In 2018, The Partnership talked with and listened to Fratton residents, to find out what other improvements people would like to see in the area. This has formed a new 3-year plan, which started in 2019. This booklet tells you about the sixth year of Fratton Big Local's work in Fratton and the first year of the new 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 makes a difference to the needs it prioritizes. People will feel that their area is an even better place to live in.

Message from the chair of FBL

It is strange reading the timeline for late 2019 and then 2020. At Fratton Big Local in 2019 we had just started to develop aspects of our plan working with the community and local Partners. We were discussing and exploring the establishment of community meals, the potential for the community space at Kingston Rec and other exciting things. Then suddenly this was all swept away as we experienced the impact of COVID and the associated 'lockdowns'. Our focus shifted and we became involved with HIVE Portsmouth and an army of local volunteers in seeking to meet the needs of many local people. Yet even in the midst of this some projects have progressed – including the opening of the Fox Box at the Rec. We celebrated local people and their support of the community with the awards evening. That event was a reminder of the breadth and depth of commitment that there is from local people for the benefit of local people.

Our aim has always been to draw people together who are committed to improving the quality of life for those who live and work in Fratton. We hope that as you read this summary of our activity over the last 2 years you will agree that this is something we have continued to do. We also would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions or ideas about what else we could do – or, better still, that you would like to become involved and support us.

On behalf of the FBL Partners can I thank all who have worked alongside us in the community and to our own staff – Monique and Anna – and all they have done.

We look forward to hearing from you – and hopefully meeting you at one of our events in the coming months

Father Bob – Chair FBL



How many other Big Locals are there?

There are 150 other Big Locals across England; the nearest to Fratton is 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 sends a representative to Fratton Big Local Partnership meetings.

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 up to seven of them need to live, work or play in Fratton.

How can I get involved?

Volunteering – FBL are 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. To find out more . Contact: community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk – 07841 341 969

Fratton Federation – Bi monthly meetings where people who run organisations or provide services in Fratton meet to share information and ideas . Contact: finance@frattonbiglocal.org.uk

Fratton Traders Association – An organization for Traders in Fratton Road to share challenges and ideas. They help to plan events such as the Fratton Family Festival. Contact : Chair Alex Dutton frattontraders@gmail.com

Fratton CAN!

The FBL Partnership wants to continue working closely with the community, volunteers, local businesses and partner organisations to make the most positive impact it can in the remaining 4 years of the project. To do this FBL are asking you on page 12 what your priorities are for Fratton now. The Inspiring Fratton Awards will also run for a third year.



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:



What did we do in 2019?

MARCH 2019

You had told us you wanted some exercise equipment for adults in the Rec so we commissioned Parkletics Outdoor Gym. Now you can exercise whenever you like, in the open air.

FBL welcomed back Ali Sparks, the well-known children's writer, to run two more workshops for local children. This time at Newbridge Junior School. 37 took part and it was just the start of an exciting project.

APRIL 2019

At the start of the School Easter holidays the Lord Mayor officially opened the Parkletics equipment. Alongside this The Friends of Kingston Rec helped to run The Eggstravaganza, an Easter themed trail of activities for children and their families.



MAY 2019

Each year FBL and other local organisations had stalls inside St Mary's Church. This year, 10 groups took part, including Roots Experience, who launched their publication 'Hidden Stories'. The book had been developed from workshops around the country, including some in Fratton.

You told us you wanted to Celebrate Achievement in Fratton. To do this, FBL worked with the local MP and launched the first Inspiring Fratton Awards at the May Fayre.

FBL has been running English classes for speakers of other language (ESOL) in the Carnegie Library. Between May and December 30 people who spoke 7 different languages took part.

The Friends of Kingston Rec and the Good Gym were also out in the park later in May, making sure the park was in good shape and looking after the new trees.

JUNE 2019

Building on the workshops with Ali Sparks earlier in the year, students from Newbridge wrote dairy entries for 2019 and another for ten years' time. The completed work, plus other mementoes were all placed in a box donated by Fratton firm Barrells. After a parade around Fratton, the box was installed in the vaults of St Mary's to be opened in 2029. What will life be like then? This was all part of the **Great Get Together** and **Fun Day** event run with Fratton Community Centre.

The following week, the Friends of Kingston Rec invited residents from local **Radian** housing to a picnic in St Mary's Church Yard. As well as enjoying the food, there was an outdoor music session with **Boogie Mites** and a discussion about play opportunities for very young children.

JULY & AUGUST 2019

The Friends of Kingston Rec were busy again, this time with Fratton Play Local. Five morning activity sessions, 1 each week of the school holidays in Kingston Rec; making, music, sport and more. Also, just in time for the holidays, the new toilet block was opened by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth.



SEPTEMBER 2019

The Fratton Family Festival is FBL's biggest event each year. This was the 5th and probably the hottest, with sun blazing down on Fratton Road and 10,000 people enjoyed music, food, making, rides and activities. It was also the day when the first set of Inspiring Fratton Awards were given out to 11 happy winners (See page 6 for more information this year's awards.)

OCTOBER 2019

As part of the last set of consultation, you told us you wanted projects that dealt with Mental Health and Wellbeing and others that made better use of food, by Exploring Community Meals. To do this, FBL worked with FoodCycle Portsmouth to start a community lunch. Now at 12.00noon on Thursdays you can come to the vestry at St Mary's church for a free lunch and meet and talk to other people in the area. You can also volunteer to make/ serve the lunch by signing up on www.foodcycle.org.uk



NOVEMBER 2019



Lantern-making time again! This year FBL worked with Splodge designs to run 17 workshops with 350 people, to make over 250 lanterns! The theme was sea and we made fish, crabs, jellyfish, waves, boats and lots more all ready for the big event.



DECEMBER 2019



The 6th Fratton Festival of Lights paraded down Fratton Road on 5th December. Over 500 people followed Batala Samba Band and the Fratton Fox who was making his 5th appearance alongside this year's new large lantern, a whale. Inside the Church were refreshments and entertainment from Top Banana Circus Kids, St Mary's Church Choir, Pebbles on the Beach Inclusive Theatre Company, and Batala.

The Friends of Kingston Rec worked with the Elves to install Santa's Post Box in the Rec and to run the Fratton Family Festive Fox Trail. Thanks to the below traders who took part:

AG Stapleford & Sons
Ashleigh Sight Care Portsmouth
Direct Carpet LTD
Elegant
Fratton Model Centre
Italian Furniture LTD
Make @ Aldingbourne Enterprise
Paanchi

Portsmouth Ink Store
Portsmouth Liberal Democrats
Portsmouth Mobility
Redz
Rowans Charity Shop
Southern Co-Operative Funeral care
Sue Ryder
Sweet Memories



Inspiring Fratton Awards



Inspiring Fratton Awards were set up by Fratton Big Local and Stephen Morgan MP to celebrate achievement in the Fratton Big Local area (The Fratton Electoral Ward). They are now in their second year.

All nominees must live, work or learn in Fratton and most categories have both an under 18 and adult section.

If you know someone from Fratton who is a wonderful dancer, an amazing footballer, an inspiring teacher or a great volunteer then please nominate them by completing the online form.



If you nominate an adult you will need to get their permission to give their email /phone contact details.

If you nominate someone under 18 years of age you will need to get their parent / carer's permission and contact details (unless you are a member of school staff and can give the school email as a contact). Make sure you tell us why they should win, eg *"Has volunteered with us for 8 years, always does what they say they will and is positive and friendly"*.

- Awards 1- 8 are for Individuals only
- Awards 9 &10 are for groups/organizations.
- Nomination for 2021 closes at midnight on the 29th October 2021
- The awards will be given out on 3rd December 2021

Categories are:

- Creative Achievement Over 18
- Creative Achievement Under 18
- Educational Achievement Over 18
- Educational achievement Under 18
- Sporting Achievement Over 18
- Sporting Achievement Under 18
- Volunteer Over 18
- Volunteer Under 18
- Best Café / Take away in Fratton Road
- Best Trader / Business in Fratton Road
- Contribution to community life in Fratton in extraordinary times Over 18
- Contribution to community life in Fratton in extraordinary times Under 18

To nominate, you can use the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DD67N3F>

You can only nominate once from an email address so you do need to do all your nominations in one go.



What did FBL do in 2020?

JANUARY 2020



The Community Lunches just keep on going. Since the project started it has served over 200 meals at 18 lunches all made from food from local supermarkets which only a few weeks ago might have been thrown away. As well as eating a freshly cooked meal people have an opportunity to meet together.



APRIL / MAY 2020



FBL collected over 6,000 city wide HIVE leaflets for Fratton Volunteers to deliver.

At a socially distanced meeting in the Churchyard volunteers were given maps of their delivery areas, high vis jackets, identification lanyards, gloves, hand sanitizer and leaflets.

FBL already had a group of volunteers and volunteers coming via HIVE added to this number so the whole of Fratton ward was leafleted quite quickly.

At an online meeting with the volunteers we discussed what worked well, what could be improved and what they felt should go into a Fratton leaflet.



FEBRUARY 2020



The start of the year is always full of meetings and events and FBL has been part of lots of them in Fratton Park Tesco, Charles Dickens Centre and more. The Lady Mayoress is just one of the many people who came to visit us.



Fratton Federation had its first meeting of 2020 of the year at Victoria Business Centre. As part of FBL's ongoing work to raise aspirations for the second time FBL hosted the Parliamentary Education and Outreach team so that local residents could find out more about how they can make their voice heard in Parliament and there was pizza too.

MARCH 2020



The month started normally with a Friends of Kingston Rec meeting, a Community Lunch and a stall to promote volunteering at the job centre. Then the world changed.

Once the lockdown set in FBL registered to be part of the HIVE city wide volunteer network, ready to take responsibility for volunteer activities in Fratton. All meetings went onto Zoom.

It was a steep learning curve. It took time to set up a city wide volunteer network and people who had volunteered for this or as NHS Volunteers often found it frustrating that there were no tasks to do immediately.





JUNE / JULY 2020



Fratton volunteers continued, delivering craft packs, emergency food parcels and made phone calls. The next leaflet delivered highlighted where people could get help by phone or online and online activities like church services, exercise sessions, children's groups and an online Fratton Community Choirs. Leaflets also featured some of the beautiful rainbows which started appearing in windows. Was yours one of them?

Luckily voting for the second Inspiring Fratton Awards was an online activity so that was one planned activity which could go ahead as normal, lockdown or not.

In July the lockdown was beginning to ease and so the Friends of Kingston Rec and other volunteers litter picked the play area in the Rec which meant it was one of the first to reopen in the city.

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2020



10 years ago a dinosaur appeared on Southsea common in August lots of smaller ones appeared in Fratton.



People were coming out and using the open spaces. After months of planning and negotiation the kiosk in Kingston Rec was at last ready to open.

On 4th September, at a socially distanced event the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth officially opened the Fox Box Café in Kingston Rec. The word about the quality of the coffee spread quickly on Facebook and all the time the weather was good people were able to enjoy it.

FBL knew that it would not be possible to run the 6th Fratton Family Festival but perhaps a pre booked picnic in the Church yard, with a one-way system and carefully spaced out entertainments would be possible? Everything was in place but government rules changed and this became the fourth planned FBL event of the year to be cancelled. Another lockdown was coming and a third leaflet went out. Headed "Fratton People Support One Another" it detailed more tasks local volunteers could undertake, collecting and delivering library books or prescriptions, dog walking or gardening. For those who were still going out there was even a Fox Box voucher.

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2020



Normally this would be lantern making time but not in 2020 so FBL planned an alternative. Inspired by the window rainbows, craft packs to make bright, glowing windows to light up the Fratton Streets. Again the wonderful volunteers distributed the craft packs. Designs were photographed for a projection in December.



DECEMBER 2020



Beautiful Inspiring Fratton Awards were made by Etch at the Victory Business Centre and on 5th December Stephen Morgan MP for Portsmouth South and Fr Bob gave them out to the winners in a socially distanced event. You can watch it on:

www.frattonbiglocal.org.uk/index.php/videos

The following week instead of the Lantern Parade FBL broadcast a live event from St Mary's 7th the First Fairy, 8th Festival of Light Film, 9th Light projections and organ music, 10th Festival of Light Film, 11th Batala drummers. All on our website:

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Christmas was not going to be the way we had imagined but at least Santa's elves were able to put his post box into the Rec and take it away again.

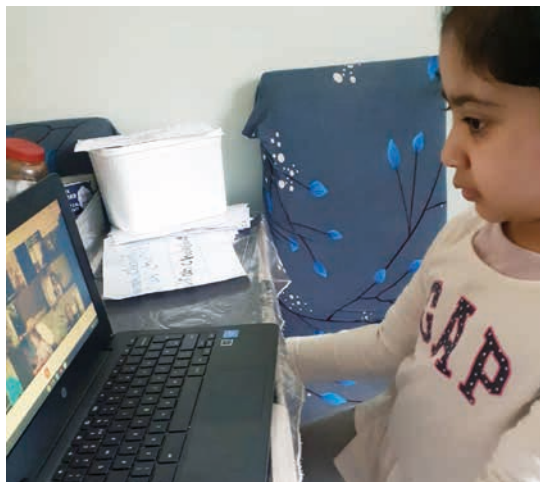


JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2021



The New Year came and went and volunteers continued to support others in the community including staffing vaccination centres.

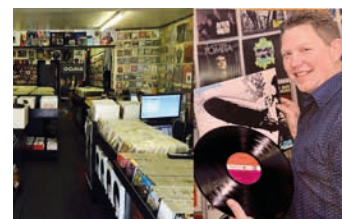
The Fox Box was still on reduced winter hours but hot drinks outside were welcome.



FBL and the HIVE brought laptops for schools which would not otherwise have enough and joined local and national networks to look at data poverty.



Nick Courtney, chair of the Fratton Traders Association, partner in the Fratton Family Festival, left Fratton road after 25 years of trading. FBL, PCC and Shaping Portsmouth worked together to find a new chair.



MARCH / APRIL 2021



The HIVE and FBL started to work together to find a venue for a Community Pantry in Fratton Road. These cooperative shops bring affordable shopping to those who might otherwise use food banks.

PCC has been successful in the central Government funded Future High Streets scheme, which will bring more investment to Fratton Road. As the world begins to open up again this is something to look forward to.

What is planned for 2022?

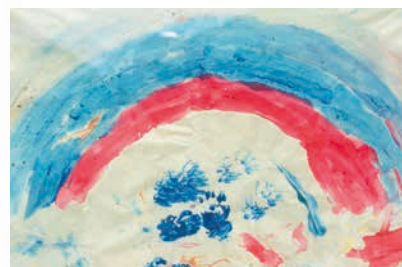
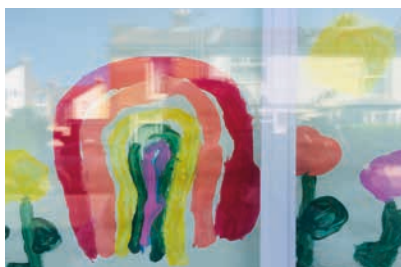
As this is being written FBL does not definitely know what the plans are for 2022 because we are busy consulting you to find out what your priorities are.

There is a consultation questionnaire on page 12.

Alternatively you can fill a form in online at <https://tinyurl.com/59mxyebv>

The consultation is running until **29/10/21** so let FBL know what you think.





FBL's VISION:

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

FBL's MISSION:

To support projects and initiatives that improve the environment and enhance community life for the residents of Fratton. FBL has been working to deliver this mission by:

Arranging and supporting events that bring the community together to celebrate life in Fratton.

Seeking projects that aspire to enhance community life and improve the environment in Fratton.

Enhancing opportunities which **nurture** the community and enable them to come together to take decisive action.

Projects which are being run to achieve this must fulfill the local community's top three priorities:

- **CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS.** 🏆
- **SUPPORT GOOD MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.** 🧡
- **EXPLORE COMMUNITY MEALS.** 🍴

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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: **office@frattonbiglocal.org.uk**

Email the community development worker: **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!

www.facebook.com/FrattonBigLocal/

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Finding the way forward for Fratton



FRATTON COMMUNITY CENTRE – FUN, FRIENDLY & IN THE HEART OF FRATTON



Fratton Community Centre is here for you, your family and friends with a range of groups and activities for all ages and abilities. As well as hosting various groups we are home to the Bunny Warren Nursery, Pathways Support, Youth Options and The Hideaway Cafe. Did you know we also have a Sports Hall and a purpose built pay-as-you-go Gym? – no direct debits so it's easier to budget.

The Centre hosts a range of activities for all ages. There is plenty to do including karate, tai chi, pilates, yoga, knitting, sewing, basketball, dance, bingo and other social activities. 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.

Or if you fancy a cuppa or home cooked meal in the comfort of Chit Chats Café you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Pop in and meet our welcoming staff, they are here to help you get the most out of life and Fratton Community Centre, make new friends, learn a new skill and even get fit! We will soon be starting our Wilder Fratton Community Centre project, so if you have "green fingers" you will be doubly welcomed!

Email: frattoncc@yahoo.co.uk – www.frattoncc.org.uk – www.facebook.com/frattoncommunitycentre

Fratton Community Centre, Trafalgar Place, Fratton, Portsmouth, PO1 5JJ – Tel: **023 92 751441**

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Fratton Road, Fratton, Portsmouth PO1 5EZ

Tel: **023 9282 2581**

Email: carnegie.library@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

We offer the following services:

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Public access to computers for library users.

Access to PC's and Printing

Photocopying

Visitor Parking Permits

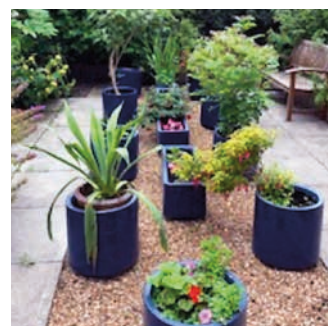
Built in 1905-6 Carnegie Library is a picturesque Grade II listed building.



Opening hours:

Monday	9.30 – 6.00*
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00
Wednesday	9.30 – 5.00*
Thursday	– Closed –
Friday	9.30 – 5.00*
Saturday	10.00 – 3.30

*Lunchtime closure 12.30 – 1.30



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Consultation 2021

Please circle all your choices and then mark the two most important to you.

Celebrating local success and achievements	Yes	No	Maybe
Community events and celebrations	Yes	No	Maybe
Enabling access to cheaper food via Community Pantry *	Yes	No	Maybe
Improving access to the internet/broadband	Yes	No	Maybe
Planting and growing in Fratton	Yes	No	Maybe
Promoting exercise	Yes	No	Maybe
Supporting good mental health and wellbeing	Yes	No	Maybe
Youth provision in Fratton	Yes	No	Maybe

Other*

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*A Community pantry is a membership organisation mid way between a food bank and a shop that helps people on limited incomes to shop and budget.

Have you volunteered for FBL Yes No

Would you like to Volunteer for us?

Our mailings bring you the latest developments at Fratton Big Local. Any information you tell us will only be used to send you information about Fratton Big Local. We use a third party provider, Mailchimp, to store your information for our mailings. We will store your information securely and we will never pass it on to anyone without asking your permission.

For information about how we handle your data, please read our privacy notice:
<http://bit.do/fblprivacy>

Email Address:

Full Name:

Signed:

Date:

Please post or take your completed form to:
 FBL at Fratton Community Centre, Trafalgar Place, Fratton. PO1 5JJ

