

# North Cleethorpes



Local Trust | Big Local



## Welcome

Welcome to the first, printed newsletter from **Big Local North Cleethorpes**. We're halfway through a ten

year programme led by the community, which aims to make North Cleethorpes a better place to live, work and visit. This is an ambitious, long-term plan supported by funding which comes via the National Lottery and is invested into your community.

We're at the halfway point and we wanted to make sure many more people know what we've been up to over the last five years and what we've got planned for the next five! We hope you'll find this newsletter interesting and you can see where we've been investing in your community. We'd like you to keep up to date with **Big Local** plans and we'd love to have your feedback and input too - after all, it's your area.

The refurbishment of Sidney Sussex Pavilion and bringing it back into use for the community was our very first visible project funded by Big Local North Cleethorpes, but we've been investing time and money into many other projects too. Over the next few pages you can find out what we've been up to and we'll start explaining our plans for the next few years too.

This halfway point also comes at a time when we've opened our new Community Hub at 82 Grimsby Road and we'd love to welcome you in to learn more about Big Local and what it means to you. It's also a place to visit if you simply want to get pointed in the right direction for local support on whatever issues are important to you. Come and say hello.

**Enjoy this newsletter.**

**Darren, Chair of Big Local North Cleethorpes Committee**

**New Neighbourhood Forum** : Would you be interested in getting involved with a new Neighbourhood Forum that will provide residents in Croft Baker and Sidney Sussex wards a place to discuss local issues important to you? Big Local is supporting local residents to start this forum up and we want to hear from anyone who would be interested. Read more on the website or contact us.

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**82 Grimsby Road**

## Our new Community Hub



Come and visit Big Local North Cleethorpes at our newly refurbished Community Hub at 82 Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes, DN35 7DP (opposite Tesco Express).

After we purchased these old offices last year, 1000s of man hours of volunteer time has been spent renovating, refurbishing and decorating the building to make it into a useful base for Big Local and the community. There's lots more to do, but we have an office/meeting room, smaller appointment rooms and our upstairs offices are now leased to Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire (VANEL) and Capacity Buildings Ltd. It's the place to visit if you want to find out anything about Big Local North Cleethorpes or to seek guidance and support. We've also got some community computers you can use, or could talk to you about local volunteering opportunities or more. We're open Tuesday-Thursday 9-5 and Mondays/Fridays by appointment.

If you want a specific discussion it's always a good idea to phone ahead on 07523 772516 to make an appointment with the right person. See you soon.



**We made a film** about **Big Local North Cleethorpes** and we're setting up an online TV channel - **Clee TV**. It's not Hollywood, but the film is a quick way (8 minutes) to find out what Big Local has been up to and meet some of our projects. Get out the popcorn and visit [www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk](http://www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk) or [www.clee.tv](http://www.clee.tv)





# Our story so far.

Some of our support over the years

## Sidney Sussex Pavilion

Back at the start of the **Big Local** programme for North Cleethorpes in 2015 we undertook a huge first project to bring Sidney Sussex Pavilion back into use for the community. BLNC invested over £50k whilst volunteers put in all of the effort. The end result was a resurrected building which since then has been a comfortable base for community groups and activities alike. Through good and bad we learned a lot about running large projects but **Big Local North Cleethorpes** are proud that the very first project also became our first legacy for the area. If you've never visited the Pavilion pop over there!

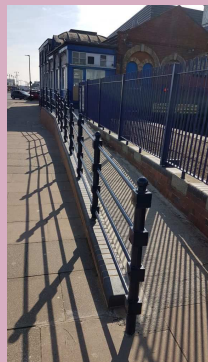


## More than a ramp

A major renovation took place of a heritage building on Cleethorpes Station so that Cycle Hub CIC had a new home to support cyclists in Cleethorpes.



**Big Local** made an investment into the scheme so that a new access ramp could be added to the prom side of the station to assist cyclists getting bikes onto the platform.



But of course the ramp has provided a lifeline to wheelchair and mobility scooter users, pushchairs drivers and more.

## Social Action Projects

Where someone approaches **Big Local** with an idea for a project that will make a difference locally then we've been keen to look at ways to support them. Young people in particular have been very active locally in fundraising activities, or community engagement activities. Visit our website to find out much more about these projects.

## Arts and Culture

We've been supporting artwork, events, music and more.



## Supporting those who support others

There are a large number of charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises that support people across North Cleethorpes. **Big Local** tries to work with these organisations to increase the impact they can have on our community. Whilst we might provide direct funding, we also work with groups on their own funding efforts or support them in other ways too.

## Moon on the Water

**MOTW** is a unique arts and music venue in Cleethorpes started as a social enterprise after a cash boost from **Big Local**. Funding also helped them to upgrade their mixing desk, install energy efficient lighting and to lease a better till system to make their event nights more efficient. They've also have support with their website, grant writing, business planning, promotion, volunteer recruitment and more. Sometimes support means cash and sometimes it means advice and guidance. [www.moononthewater.co.uk](http://www.moononthewater.co.uk)



## Royal Naval Association

We supported the refurbishment of this local club used by

## A van for care



We supported the first year of leasing a new van to help CARE deliver

furniture and support to local people in need.

## Womens Aid

To help tackle local issues around domestic violence, **Big Local** were pleased to support the valuable work at Womens Aid by funding training and a volunteer development programme to support local women at risk.



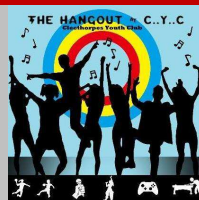


the past few years (and we're only half-way through)

## The Cleethorpes Youth Group

**Big Local** worked in partnership with YMCA back in 2017 to get a new Youth Group started up in North Cleethorpes. The club has been supported with its development ever since and now is independent, has its own committee and bank account, has changed location (now at Kings Baptist Church), has developed its team of youth leaders and volunteers and has even managed to apply for and be awarded their own funding. All in all the club has gone well over the past couple of years and is secure for the immediate future. Young people between 10 and 17 enjoy the club each

Friday and have a great place to get involved with. **Big Local** continues to provide developmental support to the group as we want to ensure its long term legacy is as strong as possible. The Hangout youth group also helps provide a focus for involving younger people in our community.



## Safer Cleethorpes

Everyone wants to feel safe where they live. So **Big Local** has invested time and funding into various schemes to keep us safe. This has included investing in community defibrillators; extra lighting in Sidney Sussex Park; investing in mobile CCTV in partnership with the Police and the Council; supporting the Blue Lights Brigade programme to carry out Safe and Well checks; supporting local Neighbourhood Watch groups with small investments and by giving Glyn (the Network Coordinator) and others a place to meet at our community hub; funding the equipment and training for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of Blue Lights Brigade volunteers; and supporting groups such as Women's Aid and The Hangout Youth Group to keep the local people they work with safe.

Find out more about the club at [www.cycthehangout.org.uk](http://www.cycthehangout.org.uk) and get involved! Every Friday evening 5pm-7.45pm at Kings Baptist Church Hall, Cleethorpes.

## Supporting Local Young People

As well as the Youth Group, **Big Local** has been keen to support local young people with their aspirations. Our

Youth Development Worker supported young people with social action projects locally as well as delivering Stride which was our programme to support 16-24 year olds with help looking for or returning to work, education or training. This programme evolved into Youth Working Links and we continue to support younger people to overcome barriers to education or employment. We'll be continuing with our youth theme into our new plan of activities for the next few years.



*Dozens of CERT trained volunteers are ready to help in Cleethorpes should an emergency happen.*

*Safe & Well Checks in Cleethorpes have saved lives!*



[www.bluelightsbrigade.co.uk](http://www.bluelightsbrigade.co.uk)

## Grimsby Town supports local primary schools with help from Big Local

**Big Local** has been providing match funding to Grimsby Town Football Club to double up their local investment through their Sports and Education Trust. Their "Premier League Primary Stars" programme worked in 4 local primary schools providing sports and health related activities to nearly 1000 children over the course of the two years.



There are many more projects large and small that we've not had space to cover here. But you can find every project on our website.

[www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk](http://www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk)



*Planters funded by Big Local and local businesses encourage people to visit North Promenade*

## Subscribe

This is our very first newsletter but we'll be publishing them every few months going forward. Don't miss out. There's an electronic version that you can subscribe to straight to your inbox, or, if you'd prefer a printed copy (and you live in North Cleethorpes) then please give us your address and we'll pop a copy through your letter box when it's published. Go to [www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk/newsletter)



# Local Trust Big Local

## What is Big Local ?

# BIG LOCAL

Over 100 areas of the country now have Big Locals setup and funded with money raised via the National Lottery. Each area had to apply for and win the funding in the first place, showing both a need for support in their area and an aspiration to improve. So North Cleethorpes was successful and has been allocated £1m over 10 years for the community to invest in the area.

To do this, a **Big Local North Cleethorpes** committee of local volunteer residents was setup and has evolved over the years. With ongoing community consultation, money can be slowly drawn down to invest in local initiatives. As the committee itself has no legal structure, we also have an LTO (Locally Trusted Organisation) allocated to hold the funds and contracts to distribute as Big Local decides. **VANEL** (Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire) is our LTO and they co-locate with us at our new offices at 82 Grimsby Road. And the other name to watch out for is The Local Trust. This is the national organisation responsible for looking after the whole programme across all Big Local areas everywhere! What we do locally in North Cleethorpes is decided in themes within our Community Plans. These plans get refreshed every few years and we're just starting the latest one. Every month our Steering Group meets to make decisions on priorities or financial investments. We have a website which explains much, much more so visit it at [www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk](http://www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk).

We're now halfway through our programme and about to get started on our new plan!

Talk to us.  
Wednesdays  
are good.

Big Local is here to support the community. So if you live or work in the area then your views, ideas and opinions matter to us. If you're running something that supports our area then we'd love to chat. If you've got an issue then maybe we can direct you. Every Wednesday morning we hold an informal, open session at our Community Hub at 82 Grimsby Road when our committee, volunteers and team members get together to plan and discuss the programme. You're welcome to join us. (9.30am - 12noon). Feel free to drop in, but it can also help if you let us know you're coming so that we make sure we're ready to spend time with you.



## What next?

### Some of the themes we'll be investing in this year and beyond:

- continuing to support the community out of our new Community Hub, offering advice, support, guidance and signposting on matters that affect local people
- working on local projects supporting older people
- and, also, specifically supporting younger people using the Hangout Youth Group as a focal point
- supporting social action projects or local campaigns as they arise
  - continuing to support artistic and cultural adventures where other funding is unavailable
  - further investigation into ways that Chapmans pond can be made more of an asset for the area
  - aiming to work on cleanup of the North Beach and much more...

## Get in Touch

by phone - **07523 772516** or email [hello@biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk](mailto:hello@biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk)  
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## The map

Each Big Local across the country works across a specific geographical area. Ours is **North Cleethorpes**. Where possible, projects we support must either be in this area or be for the benefit of people in the area. Check out the detailed maps online at [www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk/maps](http://www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk/maps)

