



Boston Chair's Update, December 2025

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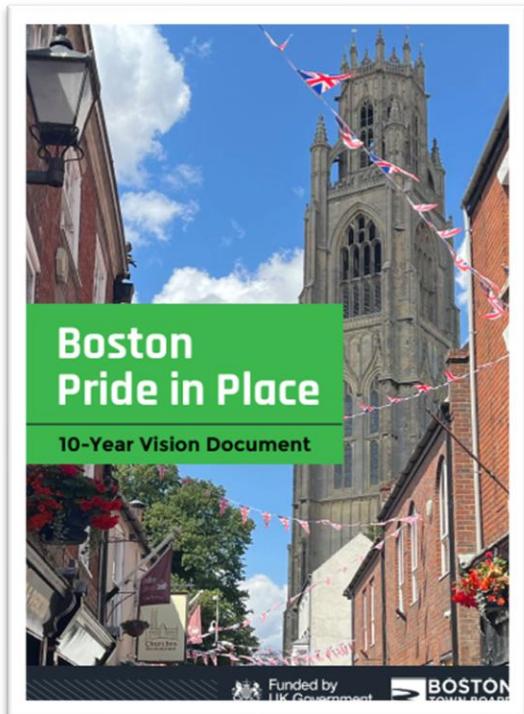
In this month's update, I'm so pleased to let you know that we have now submitted the Pride in Place plans to government. This is a major step forward and brings us a step closer to improvements happening on the ground.

In this issue of the Chair's Update, you'll also find information on the Board's recent visit to the Mayflower, and an update on work at Shodfriars Hall which is moving forward.

Thank you for your interest and involvement over the last year. I would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

I look forward to sharing further updates with you in 2026 as we work together to make a difference for Boston.

Claire Foster, Interim Chair



A Vision for Boston

In the last update, we let you know that the plans for the £20M Pride in Place funding for Boston had been approved by Boston Borough Council Cabinet. Following this, the plans – which include a ten year vision and a plan for the first four years of the investment – were submitted to government by the deadline of 28th November.

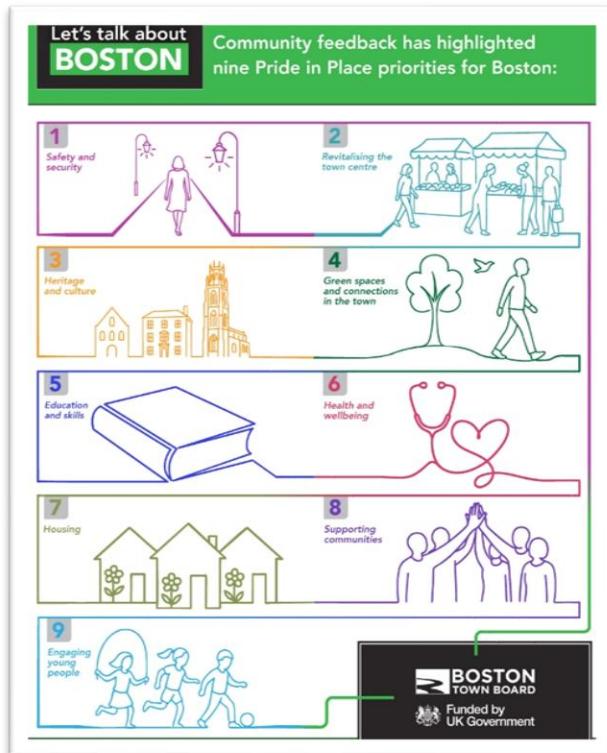
These plans have been directly shaped by community feedback which has been shared over the last eighteen months. Thank you to everyone who has had their say and helped us to reach this milestone.



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Whilst the plans set out priorities – themes - for what the funding will be spent on in Boston, there is still work to do to come up with the projects for the first four years. We're going to continue working with you and the whole community on this detail so that we can make sure this funding makes a big difference for Boston.

We expect to hear back from government on our plans in early 2026, and then the first lot of funding will begin from April 2026 with the money coming in in phases over the next ten years.



Board Members Visit Mayflower



Board members were joined by the Deputy Mayor of Greater Lincolnshire Councillor Ingrid Sheard and council officers.

Our board members had the chance to see for themselves the impact of Towns Fund investment in the town when we paid a visit to Boston College's Mayflower building in December.

This is our flagship project in the town, made possible by almost £10M in Towns Fund funding. The Board decided to invest in this fantastic project because we knew from our research and community consultation that improving skills and supporting people's ambitions is really important in Boston, and this became a key theme of our Towns Fund work.

The Mayflower is a state-of-the art building for everyone. As well as learning spaces, it has business units for start-ups, conference and digital hub facilities, and amenities such as a hair



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and beauty salon. The public is encouraged and welcomed to make use of facilities including the popular Eden restaurant and a new café called 1620. And, the building's large and welcoming atrium space is to be used for college and community events such as the recent gathering to mark Remembrance Day.



Shodfriars Hall work moving forward



Work on Shodfriars is moving forward well, and the external works are coming to an end. The work on the roof and to the decor of the building is almost complete, and a new hanging lantern will be installed soon.

The scaffolding is expected to be taken down in the spring, and people will then be able to fully see the improvements that have taken place. The decoration reinstates the original paint scheme which was uncovered during the works, repainting the detail in a deep red for the first time in many years.

All of the works, carried out by owners Scorer Hawkins, are helping to preserve this grade II listed building that has been part of Boston town centre for hundreds of years.

Shodfriars Hall is an important historical building and one which was at risk and this project - supported by the Towns Fund - is giving it a new lease of life.



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Boston College students visit Shodfriars Hall

Students from Boston College's Level 1 Brickwork and Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery courses recently visited Shodfriars Hall to see the restoration work currently underway.

During the visit, Hannah Mayhew from Heritage Lincolnshire and Chris Bowen from Scorer Hawkins guided the students through the site, explaining the specialist processes involved in restoring a heritage building. The visit gave the students a great insight into heritage skills in regeneration.





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Rosegarth Square

The latest video by Lindum Group of the Rosegarth Square regeneration is available to watch [here](#)

This project video takes you through the construction of the steel frame and the beginning of the paving and kerbing for the public realm.

You can keep up to date with the project [here](#)



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