



South and East Lincolnshire Crowd – Two Year Progress Report

Introduction

Boston Borough Council on behalf of South Holland District Council and East Lindsey District Council commissioned Spacehive in Autumn 2022 to set up and operate a crowdfunding platform for the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership. The platform helps leverage in funds for community projects from not only Council sources but also via other members of the community.

The fund has now been in operation for two years and has supported 10 successful projects across the partnership. Which collectively have attracted over 381 pledges, contributing to a total project value of £105,509

Data

The following information covers 11 project ideas, covering the period February 2023 to February 2025. During this time there were three official funding windows for projects to raise funds. 10 projects (91%) have reached their target and have now finished raising funds.

Leverage

The total cost of successful projects on the South and East Lincolnshire Crowd is £105,509 of this £49,320 was pledged by the South and East Lincolnshire Crowd and the remaining £56,189 from 381 pledges from the 'crowd'

It should be noted that the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership commitment to the programme consists of both grant giving and the cost of the annual contract fees. The programme operates two rounds per annum, Spring and Autumn. The contract value to date is calculated at £66,000 – the contract is split equally between the 3 councils.


Projects

To date 91% of projects that have launched have hit their funding target.

The biggest project so far being Fydell House (project total £22,632) with the smallest being Remembering Spilsby Union Workhouse (project total £2765) . Projects see a good range of supporters with one project seeing 60 backers . Projects also see a range of financial contributions with contributions starting as low as £2. See appendix A for an example of the impacting reporting received from projects.

Spring funding round for 2025 opened 27th February for projects to begin to develop their ideas.

Details of projects:

<p>Tydd Dog paddock play area</p> <p>South Holland pledge pot contribution £2000</p> <p>Crowd Contribution £3520</p> <p>Category: Sport and Play Park and Gardens</p>	 <p>34 backers</p> <p>£5,520 raised</p>
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Social and Educational activity – Lithuanian Community Group

Boston pledge pot contribution - **£3,500**

Crowd contribution - **£5,154**

Category:
Sport and Play
Arts and Culture



32
backers

£8,654
raised

Restoration of Goluceby Church

East Lindsey pledge pot contribution - **£1,800**

UKSPF pot contribution - **£3,000**

TOTAL - **£4,800**

Crowd contribution - **£5,875**

Category:
Buildings



23
backers

£10,675
raised

Spalding Museum – The FutureUKSPF pot contribution - **£3,000**Crowd Contribution - **£9,846**

Category:

Arts and Culture

Buildings

Street and Infrastructure

**60**
backers**£12,846**
raised**Taste it Lincolnshire**South Holland pledge pot contribution - **£1,500**Boston pledge pot contribution - **£1,500**East Lindsey pledge pot contribution **£750**UKSPF pot contribution - **£3,000****TOTAL - £6,750**Crowd Contribution - **£8,240**

Category:

Arts and Culture

Food and Farming

**36**
backers**£14,990**
raised

Fydell HouseBoston pledge pot contribution - **£5,000**UKSPF pledge pot contribution **£3,000****TOTAL £8,000**Crowd Contribution - **£14,632**

Category:

Arts and Culture

Parks and Gardens



Buildings

**35**
backers**£22,632**
raised**Remembering Spilsby Union Workhouse**East Lindsey pledge pot contribution - **£480**UKSPF pot contribution - **£1,300****TOTAL - £1780**Crowd contribution - **£985**

Category:

Arts and Culture


29
backers**£2,765**
raised

<p>Young Farmers Gardening Club</p> <p>Boston pledge pot contribution - £3,000</p> <p>Crowd Contribution - £3,062</p> <p>Category: Parks and Gardens Sport and Play Food and Farming</p>	 <p>47 backers</p> <p>£6,062 raised</p>
<p>Crafty Cabin</p> <p>East Lindsey pledge pot contribution - £5,000</p> <p>UKSPF pledge pot contribution - £3,000</p> <p>Crowd contribution - £5,019</p> <p>Category: Buildings</p>	<p>36 backers</p> <p>£13,019 raised</p> 
<p>Rural Friendship Group</p> <p>East Lindsey Pledge Pot contribution - £2,400</p> <p>UKSPF pledge pot contribution - £3,000</p> <p>Crowd contribution - £2,928</p> <p>Category: Art and Culture Sport and Play</p>	<p>51 backers</p> <p>£8,328 raised</p>

Communications

The South and East Lincolnshire Crowd requires awareness raising – first to attract project creators and then secondly to attract project supporters to pledge to these projects. This has been done through a variety of routes, including signposting, social media campaigners, press releases and Member briefings and projects can directly inform people through their own websites and social media campaigns.


There have been four press release featuring the South and East Lincolnshire Crowd and also a number of leaflets have been distributed to community groups to inform them of the scheme.

Funded on Spacehive 4 January 2024  Delivered 14 September 2024


£10,675
RAISED


23
BACKERS


88
DAYS


BIGGEST PLEDGE

£3,631
FROM AUCTION OF PROMISES


250
people have visited this project!




 06/10/24 - 06/10/24







 02/06/24 - 02/06/24

Coffee, cake & conversation in a warm





Open Gardens at Goulceby


 14/09/24 - 14/09/24




Art & Craft exhibition
All Saints Church, Goulceby











The Latest from All Saints Church Goulceby

The church has been completely rewired; the heating and lighting systems replaced with modern, eco-friendly lights and infra red heating. The space is now warm and welcoming. The east and west wall have been partially replastered where they had been damp. Fundraising events have allowed us to ensure the roof is weather tight. We have moved some of the pews to create a community space within the church.

We have held several events through the summer to bring the village community together, with the additional benefit of further fundraising:-

June: a very successful village Open Gardens with teas at the church.

July: Church Service for the Asterby Group of Parishes

September: Harvest Thanksgiving

: Art and Craft Exhibition with Teas, Children's activities, and Bric a Brac

October: The first of our monthly coffee Mornings for the winter season for all villagers



More about our impact



The environment

The rewiring project has meant we have installed eco-friendly lights and heaters, using considerably less electricity than previously. The warmth and lighting has been outstanding, with reduced electricity bills.



The local economy

Whilst the impact on the local economy has been minimal, the village community now has a meeting place and events venue should the local pub be unavailable.



Volunteering, jobs & education

The local community has joined together to offer their skills and help with village events and maintenance work. This has increased the number of volunteers available since the completion of the first part of our project.



Arts, culture & heritage

During the course of the year we have held an art and craft exhibition which was attended by over 50 people. The exhibitors were local artists and crafters displaying a wide range of skills.



Activity, health and leisure

The restored church is being offered for any group wishing to use it for yoga, pilates, gardening or other club activities. Regular coffee mornings are open to all, thereby enhancing physical and mental health.