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A bi-monthly newsletter providing the latest information from the

Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas around England to use at least £1m each to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their communities.

Although our CCC coastal strip area has high levels of deprivation, the area benefits from equally high levels of community spirit and activity, with residents being particularly friendly, making all visitors very welcome. This high sense of community involvement allows the CCC to continue to support projects and develop our plan to make our area an even better place to live.

The CCC were able to provide £25,000 towards the cost of the Mablethorpe Skate Park Extension, ensuring that this much-needed, local resource for our younger community members was able to open in October of 2016.

A more recent project, and one that benefits 35,000 users per year, is the funding of the supply and installation of energy-efficient lighting at Mablethorpe Community Hall and the Meridale Centre, in Sutton on Sea. The lighting will reduce the electricity bills by between 50-60% and make both buildings more sustainable and go a long way towards ensuring that they can continue to provide accommodation for community groups. An additional benefit has arisen from the installation at the Community Hall, the two businesses responsible for submitting competitive quotes for supplying and installing the lighting are local businesses with local employees. This ensures that more of the money spent on the project remains in the local economy.

The CCC has recently committed to funding a pilot project with Mablethorpe Christian Fellowship and the Rotary Club of Mablethorpe and Alford. Using volunteer drivers and the Community Bus, a free service will operate between the CCC area (Mablethorpe North end - Sandilands) and Louth County Hospital. As evening visiting hours are between 6:30-8:30pm and the last public bus to Mablethorpe leaves Louth at 7:30pm, it is almost impossible for relatives/friends, without access to a vehicle, to visit patients without incurring an expensive taxi journey. The community bus service will operate as a free, door-to-door service and seats can be booked by contacting Nigel Collins on 07775 844206. The bus service will begin operating on April 19th.

If you would like to talk to us about how we can work together to help improve our area, you are welcome to come along to one of our regular sessions:

Monday and Wednesday, Mablethorpe Community Hall, Stanley Avenue, 10am - 12noon

Tuesday, the Coastal Centre, Victoria Rd, Mablethorpe, 10am - 12noon

Friday, Merridale Centre, High St, Sutton on Sea, 10am - 12noon

You can also email chairman@coastalcommunitychallenge.co.uk or telephone on 01507 622162

Further details of the work that we've supported and commissioned can be found at www.coastalcommunitychallenge.co.uk or www.facebook.com/biglocalccc

Please use this space to tell us your ideas and what you would like to see happen in our area.

Please hand in at Mablethorpe Community Hall, the Coastal Centre or the Meridale