

Spalding Town Board: Chair's Update May 2025

Hello,

In this latest update, I am pleased to share with you Spalding Town Board's first annual report.

The Board met for the very first time in March 2024 after multimillion pound government funding was announced for Spalding and since then we have been working together for our town. The work we have carried out has been entirely in line with changing government requirements, including a complete restructure of the funding programme.







The annual report reflects on what's happened so far, but the Board is also looking firmly ahead to the future. Over the coming months, we'll be continuing to closely involve local people, businesses, partners, and stakeholders so that we can shape the future of Spalding together.

Progress so far

From the beginning, the Board has been keen to take action and we've been able to make some very early investments. These are:

- Funding for a Hot Spot Policing initiative, a three month pilot scheme that will see more targeted police patrols in key identified areas of the town centre;
- Funding for new Christmas lights to enhance Spalding's appeal during the festive season, and
- Providing a match funding contribution for the **Spalding Gentlemen's** Society museum which has been key in enabling the Society to secure additional development grant funding from the National Lottery.



Concept image of what the new Spalding Gentlemen's Society museum might look like



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Listening to local people

The projects that have been supported so far have received funding because we know these are priorities for local people. We know that safety and security is important to residents, and we know too that people want a better town centre experience. And, our community consultation in 2024 also showed us that people want to see Spalding's historic sites and buildings – and particularly the Gentlemen's Society museum - fixed up and improved.

What happens next

Over the next year, we'll be developing a robust regeneration plan and investment plan for Spalding that sets out a clear vision for the town and that will be ready to go once the main funding begins from 2026.

And, we need your help.

Please do get involved in any of the engagement and consultation opportunities that will be taking place in the coming months. We need your views so that together we can create improvements for our town that benefit us all.

Spalding Town Board annual report

You can read the annual report <u>here</u>. You can also pick up a copy from South Holland District Council offices, Ayscoughfee Hall, Boston College, and South Holland

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