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Greater fall in offences than anywhere else in county

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BOSTON is leading the county in the fight to reduce crime, new figures reveal.

The borough council has released statistics showing the number of offences committed on its patch has decreased more than any other Lincolnshire authority in the 12 months up to November.

The figure for the borough fell by 15.38 per cent (from 4,195 to 3,550).

Its nearest rival was South Kesteven, at 12.02 per cent, but all other districts had reductions less than half that of Boston's and as low as 3.91 per cent in the case of West Lindsey.

Coun Ray Newell, portfolio holder for community safety, said: "These very good figures indicate that Boston Borough Council's community safety team, including our CCTV operators, together with the police and our other partners, are winning the fight to reduce crime."

"They, and indeed the people of Boston who support all these crime-fighting officers, are to be



Boston Borough Council's community safety team joined forces with Crimestoppers for a campaign earlier this year. Pictured with the Stormtroopers are PcsO Emma Gardiner (Robin) and Peter Hunn (Batman). DD 030410007

congratulated."

Figures comparing November 2009 to 2010 revealed a fall in the number of offences in almost all crime types.

Violent crime was down by more than a quarter, from 102 to 75, and violence against the person by more than a fifth, from 92 to 71.

Other large falls came in terms

of domestic burglary, down almost a half from 48 to 25, and criminal damage, down by two-fifths from 121 to 70.

The only categories in which crime rose was in taking a vehicle without consent, three to five, and 'other offences', from seven to 16.

The council's principal community safety officer Peter

Hunn spoke of a 'good and effective 2010', pointing to a host of crime-cutting initiatives, from an 'intensive' campaign targeting anti-social behaviour to others tackling hate crime and theft.

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'Reel' look back into Boston's past



A FILM set in Boston and created during the Second World War featuring landmarks such as The Stump, the Guildhall and the Maud Foster Windmill has resurfaced online.

Country Town (1943), directed by Julian Wintle who later produced The Avengers, is a British Council archive film originally designed to showcase Britain to the outside world.

The 15 minute black and white film has been uploaded to the web by Time/Image as part of a project to digitize an archives of 160 films.

Although the website describes it as an unnamed Lincolnshire town, the landmarks which appear make it easy to see it is Boston.

Sarah Cole, part of the Time/Image research team, said: "It took us a while to figure out where it was."

"I saw the church and thought it would be quite distinct, we have some archive information but it doesn't tell us everything."

"The films were shown to give information on what life was like in Britain."



The Guildhall has not changed much externally but its internal use has changed several times. It is now a museum and home to the Tourist Information Centre. NA



This section of Wormgate hasn't changed much over the years, although the pub has been renamed Goodbarn's Yard. DJ

"We would love to speak to anybody who was alive at the time or has some information about the film."

The film is narrated by Lincolnshire Standard editor Philip Robinson, who shows audiences life in a country town, from the cattle market, to work and play.

It looks at the information

committee formed to answer people's questions, the restaurant in the Guildhall, the West Street council buildings and more.

It even mentions some people by name such as Bill Garson and his forge and roller skating gold medallist Jane Tempson.

So far only 13 of the films

have been uploaded but Time/Image hope to eventually upload all the films so people can watch and collate their knowledge of the subject material.

● To see the film visit www.timeimage.org.uk

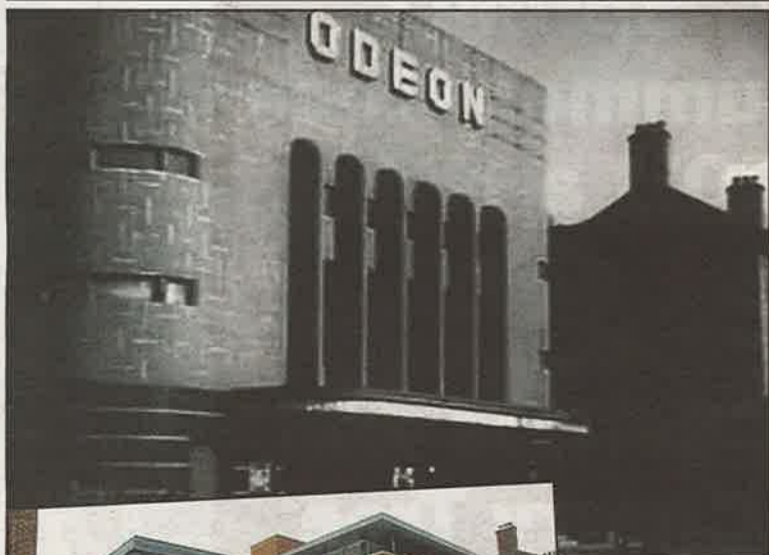
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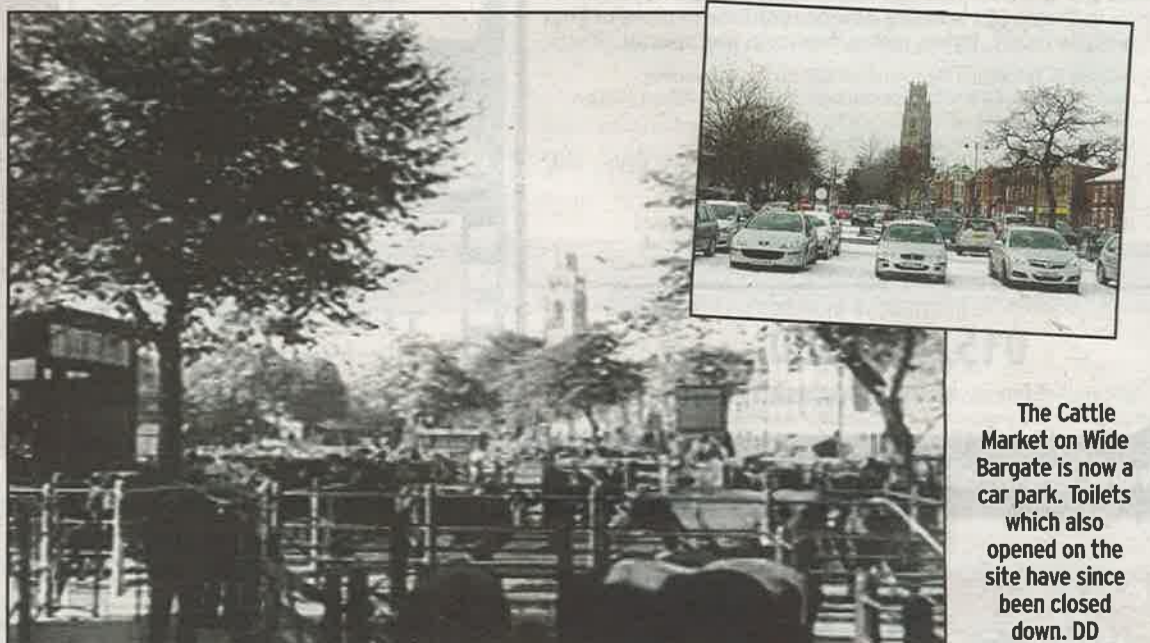
The main borough council chamber, in the municipal buildings on West Street, has remained unchanged according to a spokesman for the council.



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Greyfriars surgery now stands where the Odeon Cinema was on South Square. DD



The Cattle Market on Wide Bargate is now a car park. Toilets which also opened on the site have since been closed down. DD