



Lynher CIC secures National Lottery support to establish the Cremyll Maritime Guild

Lynher CIC has received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £98,500 for an exciting heritage project, the Cremyll Maritime Guild on the Rame Peninsula. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project focuses on conserving and maintaining historic vessels and transmitting the skills required to do so to the local community.

Supported through The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project will enable people of all ages to learn about the local maritime heritage and access vocational training and volunteering opportunities in traditional boatbuilding and seamanship, as well as providing a hub for local maritime projects to access resources and connect to the wider national networks.

Lynher River Barge CIC was formed in 2016 to save, restore and operate the 1896 Tamar sailing barge "Lynher". The directors' aim is to provide water based educational activities to the local community and to give them the skills to maintain and manage Lynher and other historic vessels.

Commenting on the award, Lynher CIC director Barbara Bridgman said: "We are thrilled to have received this support thanks to National Lottery players and are confident that the project will support the transmission of traditional boatbuilding and seamanship skills to a wider and diverse range of people and support grassroots maritime heritage projects to fulfil their aims."

Stuart McLeod, Director London & South at The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, this initiative will help the local community to keep traditional boatbuilding skills alive. We are delighted that this heritage project will enable the people of Rame to connect with their local maritime history'.

Notes to editors

About Lynher River Barge CIC

Lynher CIC was established in 2016 to save the Tamar sailing barge Lynher. Its Directors have a particular interest in the imaginative reuse and development of maritime heritage assets and the skills required to maintain them, in order to meet the new and ever evolving social, cultural and economical challenges faced by the Plymouth waterways community.

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