



Falmouth Harbour Commissioners

- Press Release-

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners Support 6th Falmouth Sea Scouts

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners (FHC) presented a cheque for £825 to the 6th Falmouth Sea Scouts Group on Tuesday 7 July at the Sea Scouts Annual Royal Navy Inspection.

The money has been donated to help fund the purchase of new uniforms. Group Scout Leader Mr Robert Maltby accepted the cheque from FHC Chairman David Ellis and Commissioner Karen Sumser-Lupsen.

The 6th Falmouth Sea Scouts are one of only 101 Sea Scout Groups nationally to be affiliated to the Royal Navy, which allows them access to navy equipment and facilities. The rigorous yearly inspection is designed to ensure that the scouts are meeting the high standards set down by the Royal Navy, and is always a nerve-racking time for the scouts and their leaders. The 6th Falmouth Sea Scouts passed with flying colours and continue to hold their much sought-after navy accreditation.

Damian Gough, one of the Scout leaders, commented: "We are very proud of our Royal Navy accreditation and in order to maintain the high standards the Navy expects our scouts work extremely hard. The money that FHC have donated towards our uniforms will mean that our Group can continue to maintain their high levels of personal appearance, which is always important in any Navy-related organisation."

FHC Chairman, David Ellis, is a keen supporter of organisations such as the Sea Scouts. He said: "The Sea Scouts play a very important role in instilling a sense of pride and purpose in young people, and the skills they learn at this early stage will

remain with them for the whole of their life. Importantly for Falmouth Harbour Commissioners, the scouts continue to emphasise the need for safety on the water. The Commissioners are delighted to support them, knowing that they are the next generation of Harbour users."

This year is the centenary year for the Sea Scouts, which was started by Lord Baden-Powell in 1909. His idea was to take the basic principles of the already established scouting groups and apply them to the marine environment. The 6th Falmouth Sea Scouts were started in 1978 and operate from the Watersports Centre in Falmouth on Friday evenings.

Ends

10th July 2009

Photography

The 6th Falmouth Sea Scouts Group, with Chairman David Ellis (front) and Commissioner Karen Sumser-Lupsen (5th from right, middle row).

The adult scouts from right are:

Robert Maltby Group Scout Leader
Damian Gough Scout Leader
James Maltby Assistant Explorer Scout Leader

Lt.Commander David Griffiths RN (Inspecting Officer) is in the centre, back row.

The Explorers are wearing uniforms, and the Scouts are wearing buoyancy aids.

Notes to Editors:

Falmouth Harbour, including the Carrick Roads, is reputed to be the third deepest natural harbour in the world. Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are a statutory port authority with responsibility for the Inner Harbour at Falmouth (excluding Falmouth Docks), the Penryn River up as far as Boyers Cellars, the southern part of the Carrick Roads and a large part of Falmouth Bay. As well as providing regulation of its Harbour Area the Commissioners provide small craft facilities for residents and visitors.

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners is a statutory port undertaking created by an act of parliament in 1870. It operates as a trust port and has a board of eight commissioners who act as trustees. Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are committed to operating the harbour in an open and accountable manner and welcome feedback from harbour users.

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