

The Voyage of Discovery Funder Report 2024

The Royal Cruising Club Total Donation – £1,000

Our sincere thanks and appreciation for your support of our work and the donation of £1,000 in 2024. Your funds have been used for our Voyage of Discovery Fund scheme in support of the following group of young people who have benefitted from the Cirdan experience in the 2024 season.

Hartlepool Sea Cadets – £1,000



The Hartlepool Sea Cadets are a youth charity, and they are an individual unit within The Sea Cadets. Their aim is to inspire young people through nautical adventure and challenge to help give them a head start in life

All the young people live in the Hartlepool area but have a mixture of backgrounds, with many coming from financially disadvantaged families. In addition, some of the young people have special educational needs.

"I liked seeing places from another view, living life on a boat and being at the helm. Definitely a core memory I will remember forever."

Lewis

*"The highlight of the voyage was the level of involvement and amount of growth that was achieved by the young people."
Group Leader*



The cadets would not be able to take part in this fantastic opportunity without financial assistance and for most this is the only chance they will have to experience an offshore voyage. This is an invaluable experience for them of not only the technical aspects of sailing, but also the skills of being away from home, including keeping things tidy, cooking/cleaning, living in close proximity to a number of others for a week and dealing with the challenges that brings. Most importantly though, as sea cadets it is also a chance for them to have fun and the enjoyment of the experience of sailing which will allow them to gain boating hours which then count towards progression to their next rank.

The group had an interesting week with all especially enjoying the night sailing and tacking around a wind farm. In addition, sailing up to Holy Island and to the Farne Islands made for the chance to see a great variety of wildlife, including dolphins.

A group of 9 people (plus 3 leaders) aged 12 to 17 sailed aboard Faramir for 6 days in August.

*"I liked the tacking and getting hands on with the sails and how the instructors were always positive, so we got the most out of the experience."
Aidan*