

FRIENDS OF THE HEREFORD BULL

Bulletin – January 2015

The two newsletters in Spring 2014 told about the *The Hereford Bull's* move in April from Drummonds Dub near Ross, to the Wye at Hereford, by way of KGD's industrial unit in Hereford where the trow team rolled up their sleeves and scraped, oiled, polished and painted ready for the summer.



Philip Wilcocks and the rear ends of Nat Hone and Jeremy Picton-Turbervill

In May the trow took part in the inaugural Hereford River Carnival, which was the first event in the 2014 Wye Valley River Festival; the next one of which is planned for 2016. *The Hereford Bull* became a familiar sight at its mooring in 'Bishop's Pool' below the cathedral, arousing plenty of appreciation from passers-by and curiosity about the history and heritage that the trow represents. *THB* has been looked after mainly by Lt Cdr (SCC) Rob Shiels and has been used regularly by young people in the Sea Cadet unit based a few hundred yards upstream. A vessel of the trow's size and some complexity gives valuable opportunities to gain boat-handling and seamanlike experience.



Rob Shiels writes: "As part of the Marine Society and Sea Cadets our aim is to offer young people the opportunity to develop into responsible adulthood, through the core values of Integrity, Loyalty, Respect and Self Discipline. The unique opportunity of being able to train on the the trow has allowed our young people to develop skills in Seamanship, Leadership and Teamwork as well as having a greater understanding of the historical significance of water transport and its continued importance to the United

Kingdom. Sea Cadets have put into practice the theoretical skills that continue to be of use in every day life today, allowing them to gain valuable life skills for the future".

The Sea Cadet unit – *TS ANTELOPE* – has worked up a detailed design for a purpose-built pontoon jetty to be built on the Wye right beside the unit. The jetty will be big enough for the trow as well as for smaller craft. An application to the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grants Scheme got a very long way before unfortunately being sent down for a bit more work. All being well, funds will be approved in time for the jetty to be built next summer. It will allow for access by disabled people, and it is this feature in particular that will let the trow team fulfil its particular wish to make opportunities for disadvantaged children to come aboard.

The summer on the Wye has given a chance to qualify more skippers and crew formally. The team is very happy to welcome Tim Lee and Rob McLellan, and Eric Johns, Connor Tarrin and Jack Leery who have recently graduated from the SCC.

In view of the trow's beautiful mooring below the cathedral, the least we could do was give ourselves the pleasure of taking the Dean and Chapter for a trip upstream with lunch on board in September. There is a short film of the trip on YouTube at



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kc0uH4kaNQU>.

The Hereford Bull has moved back to the safe harbour of Gloucester Docks for the winter. A programme for next year is now being prepared. Among other plans, we have taken up an invitation for the trow to participate next May in celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Worcester & Birmingham Canal, involving also a passage up the Severn and the Droitwich Barge Canal to Droitwich for St Richard's Boat and Car Festival.

Meanwhile, the trow has attracted the attention of some documentary-makers. As a result of filming in the past few months, a forthcoming programme in the BBC series 'Great Antiques Hunt' with Tim Wonnacott will feature the trow, as will ITV's 'Wild Britain with Ray Mears'. The location fees were a useful small addition to the trow's funds.

Speaking of funds ...

... you may remember that *The Hereford Bull* was built in 2012 and took part in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant thanks to a very large private gift to the Herefordshire Community Foundation, as well as considerable in-kind support by several other people. Since then, the 'Trow Fund' in the Herefordshire Community Foundation has received substantial grants from two charities – the Manifold Trust and the Pippin Trust – and a generous private donation. It is these, with some other individual donations, that have kept the trow active, maintained and solvent since 2012 and well into 2015.

We know that in a typical year the trow team needs to be able to find about £5,500 to cover upkeep, occasional movement by crane and lorry, licences, mooring and insurance. We would now like to ask people who are interested by the trow, and by what it has done so far, and by the intentions for it in the future, to consider giving some money to help *The Hereford Bull* carry on.

A letter is attached from the chairman of the trow team, Rear Admiral Philip Wilcocks.

How to give

If you are so very kind as to think of making a donation to the trow, the quickest and easiest way could be to do so online through 'mydonate'. This is the best online donation site for the Herefordshire Community Foundation, and it deals with Gift Aid claims too. Here is a link straight to the HCF's Wye Trow 'event' page:



<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/wyetrow/186711>

If you are even more kind, and think of making a regular donation, you can't set that up through 'mydonate', but you could do so through your own online banking arrangements if that is how you like to manage your money, or else by using the standing order form attached at the end of this letter, which gives the appropriate bank account details. There is also a Gift Aid declaration to send back if appropriate.

With very best wishes for 2015 from all the trow team,

Andrew Wynn

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December 2014

Dear Friends of The Hereford Bull,

After the particular events of Diamond Jubilee year in 2012, the trow team set out our vision for the trow and our main objectives for the future.

Our vision for the trow is:

Herefordshire's River Wye Flagship Supporting The County's Future

This phrase embraces our main long-term objectives.

First and foremost we aim to use *The Hereford Bull* to give **opportunities to young and disadvantaged people**, free of charge. We are already working with the Sea Cadet units at Hereford and Ross-on-Wye. In addition, we have given schoolchildren the experience of rowing and sailing the trow and we want to do more of that. Furthermore, we plan to give chances for trips on the trow to people who might find it hard to enjoy outdoors experiences; for instance, we hope to provide memorable days out for a group of people from Hereford's Royal National College for the Blind as well as handicapped schoolchildren from within the county. Our hope is that young people will use their experiences of the trow to be a springboard to joining the Sea Cadets, other youth organisations, or a craft apprenticeship.

The Hereford Bull has also taken part in **activities that support the county** by promoting awareness of its attractions. In 2013 she appeared at the Tall Ships Festival in Gloucester and at Ledbury's commemorative Coronation Ox Roast day. This year she was a key participant in the Hereford River Carnival. In 2015 *The Hereford Bull* will be seen on the Severn and in Worcester and Droitwich and (fingers crossed) in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Please can you help us?

The trow team is determined to keep this beautifully built replica in good condition for many decades. Allowing for annual maintenance, transport, craneage, free use for charitable causes, and overheads like insurance and licences and some administration, we have to raise between £5,000 and £6,000 each year. Some of our income will be won through grant applications, sponsorship, filming and corporate hire, and by charging for other uses of the trow whenever it is right to do so. **To let *The Hereford Bull* work for the county and for the young or disadvantaged in years to come, we also seek individual donors.**

The trow was built by virtue of a wonderfully generous private donation to the Herefordshire Community Foundation. We were also overcome by how several other people stepped forward so big-heartedly in 2011 and 2012 with goodwill and support in kind, which meant that the trow was able

to represent the county magnificently in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant in June and at 'Diamond Day' when the Queen and Prince Philip came to Herefordshire in July 2012. Now we hope to consolidate the Trow's achievements to date by attracting subscriptions to the future of the county's iconic vessel and the good work it can do.

The Hereford Bull's finances are in a completely ring-fenced 'Trow Fund' within the administrative umbrella of the Herefordshire Community Foundation. The Foundation is a registered charity established to promote charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the county.

Any donation to the Herefordshire Community Foundation for 'the Trow Fund' will be extremely welcome. Because then we will know what income we can rely on and make plans accordingly, the greatest benefit would be if Friends such as yourself could make a regular gift by bank standing order. With Gift Aid you could make the most of your donation by attracting a gift supplement to the donation and gaining tax relief for yourself if you are a higher rate taxpayer. Here are some examples:

Per month				Per year	
Donation	Cost to higher rate tax payer	Gift aid	Total gift	Income for <i>The Hereford Bull</i>	
£133.33	<i>£106.67</i>	£33.33	£166.67	£2,000	Platinum sponsor
£66.67	<i>£53.33</i>	£16.67	£83.33	£1,000	Gold sponsor
£33.33	<i>£26.67</i>	£8.33	£41.67	£500	Silver sponsor
£6.67	<i>£5.33</i>	£1.67	£8.33	£100	Bronze sponsor

Donors will be recognized in all *The Hereford Bull's* publicity material and its website. We aim to offer major sponsors the opportunity for social trips in the Trow and other events. In addition, we would like to receive suggestions for Trow experiences by young or disadvantaged beneficiaries of other charities with which Friends may be connected.

Donations of any amount will be hugely appreciated. The names of all sponsors of at least £100 a year after gift aid will go into a hat for a draw annually in February. The five winners – or their nominees – will be entitled to a 5-6 hour canal trip for two each year, including a 'no host' lunch.

The volunteer team is highly dedicated to the Trow and to the good that it can do for individuals in the county and for the county itself, with indirect benefit to the community generally. We would be enormously grateful if you could do whatever you can to help us secure the future of Herefordshire's Trow and its work for the county and its people.

With many thanks for your continuing support of the Hereford Bull,

Yours aye

Philip W

**Rear Admiral Philip Wilcocks CB DSC DL
Chairman**

**The Herefordshire Community Foundation
(Trow Fund)**

If you set up a standing order online, could you please inform us. Otherwise please would you return this form as follows, for sending on to the Herefordshire Community Foundation:

Andrew Wynn, HCF Trow Fund,
Pixley Gate, Pixley, Ledbury HR8 2RB

(andrew@wynn.uk.com)

BANK STANDING ORDER

To: Bank plc

address:

Post code

Please pay: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

for the credit of: **CAF Bank** Account: **Herefordshire Community Foundation Endowment**

Sort code: **40-52-40** Acct no: **00022136** Reference: **TROW**

The sum of: £ . p (..... pounds pence)

on (first payment date) 2015

and thereafter: [monthly/annually]

until: [further notice, or date]

Name of Account to be debited

Account number

Address of account holder:

Post code

Signed Date

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GIFT AID DECLARATION

*Please complete if appropriate, either for a standing order made using the form or online, or for a single donation, and you return this form as follows, for sending on to the Herefordshire Community Foundation:
Andrew Wynn, HCF Trow Fund,
Pixley Gate, Pixley, Ledbury HR8 2RB*

Please claim Gift Aid on my donation(s). I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I also confirm that this is my own money and that I am not donating on behalf of a group, company or someone else.

Donor's details: Title Initials Surname

Home address:

Post code

Signature Date

If paying by cheque please make it out to 'Herefordshire Community Foundation' and enclose it with this form. If paying online, please send this form as shown above and make the payment to bank sort code: 40-52-40 acct. no. 00022136, reference TROW

- The charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give.
- If you pay income tax at higher rates, you should include all Gift Aid donations on your tax return in order to benefit from the additional tax relief available.

The Trow Fund is administered by:

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