

# Thank you

for helping us complete  
**Phase 4 of the Trinity3 project**

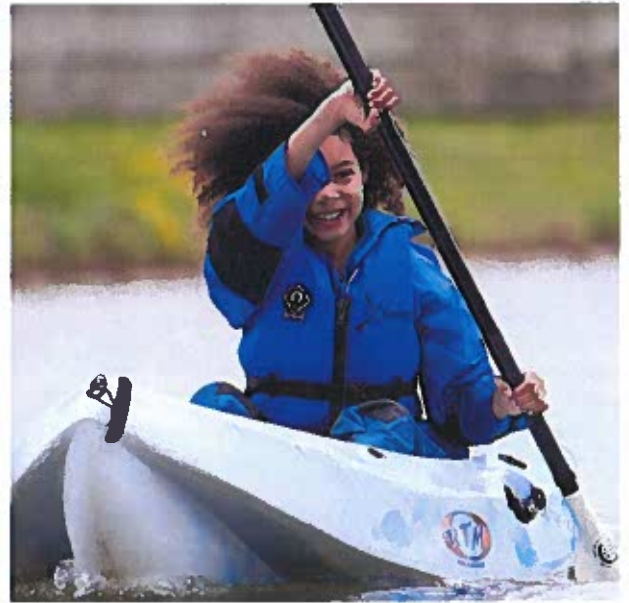


**In April 2021 we were able to complete the accommodation phase of the Trinity3 project and can now welcome groups of up to 48, a 33% increase. We have 6 brand new ensuite cabins including 2 accessible cabins on the main deck.**



# ... we couldn't have got this far without you!

The four completed phases of the Trinity3 project are already making a *MASSIVE* difference!



**Manorside Primary,  
May 2021, said:**

'Every leader considers every child, the facilities are great and the staff fantastic! Several children have achieved things they did not expect.

**THIS HAS BEEN WONDERFUL!**

**Harpenden Academy,  
May 2021, said:**

'What a fab day! My wow moment was watching children overcome their fears on the high ropes. All amazing! Can't wait to be back in September to stay in the new rooms!

**A BIG CHANGE – LOOKS AMAZING!**

**Rodings Primary School,  
June 2021, said:**

'The new facilities work very well for the children, even with such a big group. After a very difficult year it was really important for the children to enjoy this week..

**THEY LOVED IT & DON'T WANT TO LEAVE!**

## Please continue to help us help others!



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Lieutenant Colonel Richard Cole-Mackintosh  
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Cole-Mackintosh

Following The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights' generous donation towards the work of Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust I wanted to write to update you on all that has been happening at FACT. Last year was a challenging year for FACT as I know it was for so many, but with the return of school groups in the middle of May we were able to get back to doing what we do best – giving young people a life-changing adventure.

Using money donated by a Grant Making Trust we were able to purchase a second-hand Gig from an activity centre in Scotland. After one of our volunteers transported the Gig to Tollesbury, the activity team set to work, sanding, varnishing and re-painting her. She is now looking fantastic, helped greatly with social distance sailing last year & has already been enjoyed by many young people.

In the office it was more challenging with the majority of the team on some form of furlough during lockdown, however we continued to talk to many groups from our full 2021 calendar and juggled slots so that those that could were still able to bring a group for a residential. We were encouraged that so many were willing and able to come at a different time to allow the children to have the 'FACT experience', which they know has so many benefits, particularly after the year they have had.

#### **TRINITY3 project – Phase 4**

I am delighted to tell you that Phase 4 of the TRINITY3 project, was completed before the groups returned last year. The work to finish the new cabin accommodation was done over the winter and in April the carpets and mattresses arrived. All 6 new cabins have ensuite facilities and we now have an accessible and carer cabin on the main deck as well as an ensuite volunteer changing area for the first time. All this work means that we can now accommodate groups of up to 48, in fact, demand was so high in June we were regularly at capacity or even a little over. *Trinity* really has been transformed and the comments from our returning school groups have been very positive, some can be found on the enclosed flyer.

#### **TRINITY3 project – Phase 5 - the final phase**

The final part of the project is now being finalised, and, if funding can be found, will be completed in the winter of 2022. It involves updating the galley kitchen, wash-up, serving area and saloon as well as installing some piling to better secure the lightvessel in her berth – this will then allow us to finalise the new accessible entrance, which will work better with the tide. Some glazing work will also be installed during this final phase bringing the total budget to just under £250,000.

We feel truly blessed to have raised the funds and to have completed all the areas that really are making such a huge difference to the groups. The new activity areas allow us to split groups so they can enjoy different activities at different times, the new staircase gives easy access to all floors without the need for going outside, the new cabins allow us to accommodate bigger groups. All of which is helping a wide range of groups get more people onboard to enjoy a residential stay. Our new green heating system, which had a few teething problems, now seems to be working well and saving resources. We know that we are now set to serve thousands of young people over the next 30 years in a fantastic and unique activity centre. We could not have done this without the help and support of The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights.

#### Looking ahead

January and February are traditionally times when we update our team's training and complete some maintenance tasks – in addition this year we are searching for some new team members to join us before the groups start to return. The mid-week calendar for 2022 is full and there are just a few weekend spaces to fill – we hope and pray that *Trinity* will be filled with young people having fantastic adventures throughout the whole of the year.

We continue to thank God for all our supporters and volunteers, the financial and spiritual support offered by them has helped to see us through this pandemic so far. We are also thankful for all we achieved last year despite the disruption of Covid.

If you were able to help with a grant towards the final part of our Trinity3 project it would mean so much, if you require any further information please let us know. Please pass on my sincere thanks to all the Trustees for their continued support.

With very best wishes,



Andrew Eastham  
Chief Executive  
Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust