

# Responsive Donation Impact Statement

## Boatyard Transformation Project – Community Maritime Space Delivery

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The Boatyard Transformation project is a community-led initiative to regenerate a disused boatyard into a vibrant maritime and heritage-focused community space, providing long-term public benefit through education, engagement, and local participation.

Significant enabling works have now been completed, including the granting of planning permission, demolition of former structures on site, and full groundworks preparation. These groundworks were generously delivered by local Deal-based contractor P.A. Hollingworth, establishing a stable and fully prepared foundation for construction.

This preparation enabled the installation of a floated concrete base, forming the structural footprint for the new community building and ensuring the site is ready for delivery and long-term use.

A key milestone in the project was the purchase of the main modular building from Dunster House. On 12 May 2026, the Terminator Grande Log Cabin was ordered and paid for in full, at a total cost of £9,924.12. This represents the core capital investment required to progress the project from site preparation into full construction.

The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, through its Responsive Donation programme, provided targeted funding which contributed directly toward this capital purchase. This support was pivotal in enabling the acquisition of the primary building structure at a critical stage in the project timeline, ensuring continuity between groundwork completion and delivery.

The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights has a long-standing commitment to maritime heritage, skills development, and community benefit within the maritime sector. Their contribution directly reflects this mission, supporting the creation of a new civic maritime asset rooted in local identity.

The impact of this funding has been both practical and catalytic. It has secured the principal building structure, strengthened wider fundraising confidence, and enabled continued collaboration with local trades and volunteers who have contributed time, expertise, and services at reduced or donated rates in a strong demonstration of community partnership.

The project continues to receive strong public and community support, and fundraising efforts remain ongoing. To date, the Boatyard Transformation fundraising campaign currently stands at £12,530, reflecting continued local engagement and confidence in the project's long-term value to the community.

### **Community Contribution and Supporting Visual Record**

The project is supported by a visual record including images of the purchased building (including AI-generated visualisations illustrating the intended final installation) alongside photographs documenting volunteers and participating trades during the delivery and preparation phases. These materials evidence both the intended outcome and the collective community effort underpinning the project.

The building is expected to be delivered approximately 4–5 weeks after order confirmation, after which installation and internal fit-out will commence. Upon completion, the Boatyard Transformation will provide a dedicated community space supporting maritime heritage activity, education, and public engagement for the benefit of the local area.

We would also wish to extend a formal invitation to the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights to attend our project launch event, anticipated to take place in July 2026 (date to be confirmed), should a representative wish to be present. This event will mark the completion and opening of the new community space and is expected to receive coverage from television and press media.

This Responsive Donation has therefore played a decisive role in enabling the transition from enabling works into delivery, ensuring that a significant and lasting community asset can be brought into reality.