



National Lottery support for the fleet launch Cingalee to mark First World War Centenary

The Orkney Historic Boat Society (OHBS) has received a grant of £9,100 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a project to save the First World War fleet launch Cingalee in Orkney. Awarded through its *First World War: then and now* programme, the project will focus on restoring the Cingalee to her original 1905 layout.

To mark the Centenary of the First World War, the project will enable local people in Scotland to come together to preserve the memories and heritage of the people who lived through the First World War. Volunteers will assist professional boat builders to restore the boat.

Commenting on the award, James Clouston (OHBS Chairman) said: “We are delighted that the National Lottery Heritage Fund appreciate the significance of Cingalee’s place in Orkney’s maritime heritage. With the National Lottery Heritage Fund we can restore Cingalee in time for the Scapa 100 commemoration event in June”.

Ríona McMorrow, Acting Head of The National Lottery Heritage Fund Scotland, said: “The impact of the First World War was far reaching, touching every corner of the UK. With our small grants programme, we are enabling even more communities like those involved in Save the Fleet Launch Cingalee which served the Royal Navy in the First World War to explore the continuing legacy of this conflict and help local young people in particular to broaden their understanding of how it has shaped our modern world.”

Notes to editors

About Orkney Historic Boat Society

- Orkney Historic Boat Society is a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)
- Our Vision: To preserve the boating history of Orkney for future generations.
- Our Mission: To preserve historic boats and related traditional boat building skills and crafts. To collect preserve and disseminate knowledge relating to boats built in Orkney or having contributed significantly to Orkney life and to further the education and knowledge of the public in relation to historical Orkney Boats, including establishing a Boat Museum and workshop.



- www.ohbs.org and www.facebook.com/orkneyhistoricboatsociety/

About The National Lottery Heritage Fund

- Using money raised by the National Lottery, we **Inspire, lead and resource** the UK's heritage to create **positive and lasting change** for people and communities, now and in the future. www.heritagefund.org.uk.

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- The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded almost £100million in grants to projects across the UK marking the Centenary, exploring all aspects of First World War heritage that matters to them.

Further information

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