



Press Release: ExxonMobil Fawley donation helps HIOWAA continue educational work

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Providing education opportunities for crew members and young people in the community will be the focus of a £3,500 donation made by ExxonMobil Fawley to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA).

The Fawley site has been a long-time supporter of the charity and the latest contribution will once again be used to help fund science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) activities as part of HIOWAA's outreach programme. In addition, a portion of the money will go towards crew education.

Due to COVID-19, HIOWAA has had to pause its educational outreach programmes and is currently reviewing how things might look in future. Ray Southam, HIOWAA Fundraising Manager, said: "Our vision is to develop both our 'Be a 999 Hero' and 'Lifelines' education programmes to become an online learning platform that will be easy for teachers and students to access and use. We want to create an interactive way of engaging students in line with the national curriculum whilst introducing them to the important work of a local life-saving charity. This type of outreach development is currently on hold, but with the continued support from ExxonMobil Fawley we will be able to ensure that we can continue to support STEM development across our communities when the time is right."

He added: "Our Critical Care Teams each have to complete a series of training modules which are funded by the charity. These modules usually cost around £1,250 and include topics such as pharmacology and research methods for evidence-based practices. Investing in our crews' education helps us to develop a greater level of resilience and keeps our service evolving for the greatest needs of our communities.

"We would very much like to thank everyone at ExxonMobil Fawley for their continued and dedicated support to our charity. We are solely funded by the generosity of businesses and communities alike, and it is only thanks to them that we can keep flying and saving lives. This support means we can remain resilient in our operations, whilst evolving to the needs of our communities, allowing us to be there for our patients when they need us the most. Thank you so much."

Alison Jones, Fawley's Community Affairs Manager, said: "The site has been a regular supporter of HIOWAA for many years now, and we have huge respect for the wonderful service the charity offers, not just in providing critical care, but also through its education programme. HIOWAA, like so many other organisations, has had to adapt what it does to overcome the challenges posed by a COVID-19

environment. We are delighted to make this latest contribution of £3,500 to help HIOWAA continue its amazing work.”

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Pictured: HIOWAA has received a donation of £3,500 from ExxonMobil Fawley to help it continue to offer educational opportunities to young people and its crew members.

Notes for editors:

- ExxonMobil at Fawley is the collective name given to Esso Petroleum Company Limited and ExxonMobil Chemical Limited which are part of Exxon Mobil Corporation.
- The Fawley refinery is the largest in the UK. Approximately one in six cars in the UK operates on fuel produced at Fawley.
- Over the past six years, ExxonMobil at Fawley has contributed more than £1m in community support.

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