



Press Release: ExxonMobil Fawley contributions bring double joy to Hythe Sea Scouts

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All aboard for a paddle!

Excited youngsters from Hythe Seas Scouts have been trying out the latest craze of paddle boarding thanks to a contribution from ExxonMobil Fawley.

The Scouts have just taken delivery of two stand-up boards and couldn't wait to get in the water to try them out. Nick Howe, joint Chair of Hythe Sea Scouts, said: "Our youngsters have missed out on so much over the last 18 months due to the pandemic and so we were really keen to give them a chance to try paddle boarding. This is a fast-growing sport which provides a brilliant learning opportunity for local youngsters. Thank you to ExxonMobil Fawley for making this purchase possible and giving everyone a lift. We hope the boards will be used by our Scouts for a long time to come."

Angharad Vaughan, ExxonMobil Fawley's Community Affairs Adviser, said: "Hythe Sea Scouts is a fantastic organisation that does so much to help young people embrace new experiences, teach them practical skills, and build confidence. Above all, the primary focus is very much on having fun, which is certainly what you get with the paddle boards. We hope the Scouts enjoy using them."

Pictured: Some of the Scouts try out the new boards.

Roof repair thanks

The Sea Scouts have also thanked ExxonMobil Fawley for helping them to repair a leaking roof at their Hythe headquarters.

The work, which involved replacing wooden boards and putting down new waterproofing, was carried out at the home of the Scouts, in Shore Road, Hythe. Chris Godfrey, Chairman of the Sea Scouts' fundraising committee, said: "We needed to carry out some electrical work in the building but discovered that the roof was leaking into an area containing the wiring. That meant we had to make sure the roof was watertight before we could do anything else."

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the group hasn't been able to fundraise through its usual activities and so the contribution from ExxonMobil Fawley was crucial. Chris said: "The Fawley site has been one of our biggest supporters over recent years and with the pandemic putting a stop to our fundraising, this help was more important than ever. This generous donation from ExxonMobil Fawley gave us a massive boost, ensuring that our hut is a safe and secure environment for all. This will benefit not just the

members of our group now, but many youngsters in the future. We are incredibly grateful for this continued support.”

Pictured: Before and after pictures of the roof repairs.