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Round 1 Grant  
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# The Boleh Trust Christmas Newsletter

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## A Big Thank You!

During the past year we have been fortunate to receive many individual donations to the Boleh Trust, often via the Virgin Money Giving link on the Boleh website [www.bolehproject.com](http://www.bolehproject.com). We have also been heartened by the support of charitable institutions and corporate donors at a time of economic downturn. Their logos appear at the bottom of this Newsletter and we are very grateful for their generosity which has enabled the Trust to continue its work.

## The Heritage Lottery Fund

Some of the funding referred to above has been set aside to provide matching finance for a major application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Early in 2011 the Trustees concluded that the flow of funds into the Project was unlikely to keep pace with the programme of restoration required to employ the number of apprentices we wished. From April onwards we have therefore been putting together a substantial Round 1 HLF bid.

Success with the bid means that the Trust would be able to complete the Round 2 HLF stage and see Boleh fully restored with much increased apprentice training and far greater involvement with our local community.

The bid was submitted in September with the strong support of Portsmouth City Council, the Royal Naval Museum, our training partner IT Paragon, Bay House School Gosport and Dolphin Quay boatyard amongst others.

We are absolutely delighted to report that at the beginning of the month HLF gave us the fantastic news that the Boleh Round 1 Bid had been successful. Many thanks to all our supporters who made this possible.

## Team Changes

We are very pleased to have secured the services of Brian Taylor as Project Shipwright. Brian has a successful restoration project of his own – the 1936 Boston Smack Rhoda Gostelow – to his credit, featured in a past edition of Classic Boat.

Flint Elgie, who gallantly held the fort for the Trust when shipwright Richard Uttley (who did so much for Boleh) was forced to step down through ill-health last year, has now moved back to his own business - thank you Flint.

## Restoration Update

Our restoration year has been rather disrupted by a scant budget at the outset, the effort required to prepare the HLF bid and, latterly, by HLF rules which require projects to be virtually 'frozen' while bids are being evaluated. Despite this we have continued to make steady progress on Boleh's restoration and can see the half way mark, although currently without being able to increase the size of our apprentice team.



## 199 Henderson Road Portsmouth

Boleh remains happily bedded down in the workshops which are part of the Old Pump House complex in Eastney, managed by the Museums Service of Portsmouth City Council with whom we are currently negotiating an extension to our lease. The whole site has recently been refurbished and is classified as an Industrial Heritage monument. On the last complete weekend in every month the 1887 beam engines are fired up and the Beam Engine House is open to the public from 1pm to 5pm – a chance to visit another piece of our National heritage as well as Boleh.

### Jottings from the log

➤ **Gift from Boleh veteran.** During a visit to the USA in March, Trustee Henry Middleton was presented with a Royal Engineers Cap Badge for display onboard by ex Boleh skipper Grahame Ledson. This was in recognition of Boleh's role as a training vessel for the Junior Leaders Regiment RE at Dover in the 1960s.

➤ **Pram Dinghy.** In August we received the generous gift from James Stock of his family's 1950s wooden pram dinghy "Dawn" for restoration by the apprentices. Dawn is very similar in design to that carried onboard Boleh when she sailed from Singapore in 1950.

➤ **Shipwrights' Lecture.** Boleh's link with the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights (who generously funded our workshop equipment last year) was maintained this autumn when Jason Rankin, Josh Brookes and 2 Trustees attended the first of a series of free lectures for apprentices on the Marine Industry at Southampton University.

### What next?

2012 will be a very positive and purposeful year now that we have Heritage Lottery Fund support. For the first 6 months our team, with specialist advice, will be assembling the detailed Round 2 Bid. If successful, in September over a quarter of a million pounds will be awarded to the Project. This will enable the Trust to deliver a community engagement programme, run an expanded training operation and return Boleh to the water fully fitted out in 2014.

You can keep up to date with these exciting developments by visiting [www.bolehproject.com](http://www.bolehproject.com).

**Thank you all most warmly for your support and interest during 2011.**

**Please keep in touch and come and see us at 199 Henderson Road.**

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