

Lt Cdr (SCC) Craig Trail RNR
Commanding Officer
Fraserburgh Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets

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Dear Craig,

Re: Fraserburgh Sea Cadets Asset transfer Request

As the Royal Navy's Area Officer, responsible for Sea Cadet activity across Scotland, North East England and Northern Ireland I fully support the application that is submitted by Fraserburgh Sea Cadets for the asset transfer in respect of Grampian house.

At Sea Cadets we see teenagers who cycle miles to us because they can't afford the bus fare, greeting their friend dropped off in a new car, and young people of all races and religions, of all abilities, chatting together, striving together, and cheering each other on.

Too many young people are going into an adult world under-equipped with the resilience, self-belief and social confidence they need to make a decent life for themselves. Sea Cadets has the skills to change this.

Many teenagers arrive at Sea Cadets excited at the prospect of all the adventures and activities they can have with us. And they're brilliant fun. But quickly they see the depth of what they can gain here for their future and they grab it with both hands!

You can literally see the difference Sea Cadets can make. In how they hold themselves, welcome new people, and support each other. How they listen better in school, aren't offended by constructive feedback, and get on with teachers.

Sea Cadets leaves young people:

- Confident
- Feeling more in charge of themselves
- A leader people want to follow
- Comfortable speaking to anyone
- A brilliant team player
- Skilled, with qualifications to prove it
- With positive habits and thinking
- Adaptable
- Motivated

Sea Cadets makes a big difference in daily teenage life and our young people find:

- School gets better
- Getting that job gets easier
- They can overcome challenges more confidently
- They're valued in the community where they live

Fraserburgh Sea Cadets have been at the heart of the community for almost 80 years, providing young people with nautical adventure, training and skills that set them up for life and enable them to contribute to the wider society.

The opportunity that the asset transfer presents will ensure that the Unit have stable foundations that will allow you to continue to provide this much needed resource for our young people and as the business case demonstrates, provide support for the wider community also.

Should you not find new premises, the loss of the Sea Cadets in Fraserburgh would be detrimental to the development of young people in the town at a time where the need for active involvement in an organised youth group couldn't be greater.

I fully support your submission and wish you all the best with your application.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Farmer
Commander RD RN
Area Officer Northern Area Sea Cadets

