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ELMC Grant Making Committee
East Lancashire Masonic Charity
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Dear Chad,

END OF GRANT REPORT

Please accept our heartfelt thanks once again for your generous grant of £3,000, which we received in October 2021, your support is hugely appreciated.

I am pleased to report that this has now been fully utilised and as a result, 10 young people, referred to us by Blackburn Scouts were able to participate in a transformational 4-night residential voyage with the Trust this June.

Under the guidance of their Watch Leader, the young people took part in all aspects of sailing the vessel – this included everything from setting / stowing sails and helming to domestic duties such as preparing meals for the group and cleaning. This helped develop many skills including teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. Living in close confines and working together every day also helped to break down barriers and developed an understanding of the need for patience and tolerance.

Although the young people were all feeling tired by the end of the week, they left the voyage with improved confidence and self-esteem, along with many skills which we believe will be of value to them as they return to their everyday lives.

I have enclosed a selection of feedback and photographs from some of the young people who benefitted from your support, which I hope you will enjoy. I have also enclosed a press cutting of an article which appeared in the Lancashire Telegraph in June.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you once again to everyone at the East Lancashire Masonic Charity. Without your support, these young people simply would not have been able to take part – we are extremely grateful.

Yours sincerely,

Alastair Floyd

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Chief Executive

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