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PRESS RELEASE

Brady Construction Services begin work on Trevassack Lake Watersports for ALL

Children's watersports charity, the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust, has signed a contract with local firm Brady Construction Services to build an accessible watersports centre at Trevassack, a 26-acre former serpentine quarry near Garras on The Lizard, South Cornwall.

James Brady said: "Brady Construction Services are delighted to have been awarded the contract. This is a unique development and we're really looking forward to bringing the project to life!" Work onsite has commenced, overseen by Ward Williams Associates and the development, consisting of a Learning Centre and three holiday homes, is scheduled to open to the public in July 2021.

The project, which was given the green light after grant awards from the Coastal Communities Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, will transform the quarry with its 10 acres of sheltered waters into a year-round watersports facility. The centre will provide high quality, accessible watersports activities for ALL, with outstanding disabled facilities and a wide range of specialist equipment.

"Trevassack Lake will be a safe and welcoming environment for children and adults of all abilities to learn new skills and have fun on the water. We'll be encouraging schools, youth and community groups and the general public to visit us, try out watersports and enjoy the onsite cafe" said Simon Osborne, the Trust's CEO.

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This is a milestone for Helford River Children's Sailing Trust, as Jonathan Thornton, Trustee and Steering Group Chair explains: "Five years ago, the Trust set itself the ambitious vision of creating a world-class accessible centre for watersports. After research, design and most importantly fundraising, the first crucial stage in this project will now be realised."

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Helford River Children's Sailing Trust is now raising funds for additional specialist equipment for young people with multiple and severe disabilities for the Learning Centre. If you would like to help more young people with disabilities experience watersports, you can donate on Helford River Children's Sailing Trust website <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/14580>
To find out more about the project visit <https://hrcst.org.uk/about/future/>

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Note to Editors

Helford River Children's Sailing Trust's vision is to provide sailing and water sports activities for children and young people so that they develop the competence, confidence and resilience necessary to reach their full potential in life.

For over 21 years, we have helped many young people overcome their fear of the water and inspired a life-long love of the sea. Whether its learning to sail single-handed, kayak, powerboat or row, we stretch and encourage all the children that learn with us. This way, we build children's self-esteem as they master new skills and provide them with an enjoyable way to pursue a healthy, active lifestyle.

Coastal Communities Fund

The Great British Coast has enormous economic potential and this government is determined to see it thrive all year round.

That's why by 2020 the Government will have invested over £200 million in our much-loved seaside areas through dedicated programmes like Coastal Communities Fund to help in generating jobs and boosting businesses.

So far, analysis has shown that this has been money well spent with every £1 invested having the potential to create an up to £8 boost to our coastal economies. To find out more

visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coastal-communities-fund>

Grant recipients are free to publicise their project award however best suits their needs. But if you would like some further facts about the Fund, or the wider regeneration work going on across the country, MHCLG is always happy to help.

Some additional key facts:

- More than 11 million people live across the Great British Coast.
- The coastal tourism industry contributes £8 billion to the economy each year.
- The first four rounds of the Coastal Communities Fund invested over £173 million in 295 projects across the UK. Those projects are predicted to create or safeguard up to 18,000 good jobs UK-wide.
- Across our Great British Coast we've got heritage hooks to be proud of, but some of these places need some tender, loving, care. That's why MHCLG has also invested £3.7 million through the Coastal Revival Fund to get 92 brilliant British attractions back into ship-shape."

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