

# Lottery Funding helps to safeguard Cemaes Historic Lifeboat

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The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded a grant of £41,600 to Cwch Ashtey Boat Cemaes Ltd, it was announced today.

The 'pulling and sailing' Cemaes historic lifeboat - Charles Henry Ashley - is to be restored thanks to a grant from the HLF. The award of £41,600 will allow Cwch Ashley Boat Cemaes Ltd - a 'not for profit company' - to conduct a full restoration of the boat to its 1907 condition.

The restored boat will be moored in Cemaes harbour and will be a tourist attraction for the village. It will be used for demonstrations by local young people who will be trained in the skills of oarsmanship and sailing.

Local schools will be involved in the preparation of equipment and interpretation materials for the project-

Jennifer Stewart, Manager for the Heritage Lottery Fund in Wales said, "This is a fantastic project which will help save a local piece of heritage. We're committed to funding projects that every community can take pride in and learn about their local heritage".

The restoration work will commence this month at Classic Sailboats, Bethel, Gwynedd and is expected to be spread over several months.

Local businesses, organisations and residents have already given generous support to the project.

Commenting on the award, Dafydd Williams, Cemaes Harbour Master, said 'We are delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has enabled this restoration to take place. The boat is 100 years old and thanks to this grant it will be preserved for many years to come.'

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