

## News

### Cash grant boost for fishing vessel

AN historic fishing vessel has received a cash award. Life will be just swell on board the historic Lowestoft-based fishing smack Excelsior thanks to a fund set aside by the managing director of a Norwich business.

The Excelsior Trust is one of 18 East Anglian charities and community causes which are to benefit from £10,000-worth of cash awards given away in the week of Monday 19 September by Norwich-based Almary Green Investments. An award of £1,000 was made to the Trust which enables young people to work as part of the crew of the historic fishing vessel on sea trips to destinations as far away as Spain and the Baltic. It will be used to buy up-to-date navigational equipment.

Ken Gaylard, treasurer of the Excelsior Trust, said he was delighted by Almary Green's "very kind" gesture.

"The Excelsior contributes to the personal development of young people, many of whom come from disadvantaged circumstances, by boosting their self-confidence and developing team-building skills," said Mr Gaylard.

"It is hugely satisfying to see the progress they make while they are with us."

The fund was set aside by Carl Lamb, managing director of Almary Green, to mark his firm's 10th anniversary. The awards have been distributed throughout Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, where Almary Green's independent financial advisers are based.

The Beccles-based Waveney Stardust project has also benefited from Mr Lamb's generosity. Broads motor cruiser Stardust 1 carried 2335 passengers in its recently-completed 18th season, travelling over 50,000 miles and enabling thousands more disabled and elderly people to enjoy the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads. The launch date of Waveney Stardust 2 is October 30.

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