

KING'S LYNN WORFOLK BOAT TRUST



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BADEN POWELL IS BEING PREPARED FOR 2021

Many of us were looking forward to seeing King's Lynn's historic cockling boat back at the South Quay after the pontoon expansion work had finished. But the work wasn't finished when the Baden Powell came back to Lynn from Wells in September, so she went straight into the King's Lynn docks, with willing help from some local boats on the way. By the time the pontoon work was finally done, it was too late in the season to be thinking about trips in the river and The Wash.

So arrangements were made with King's Lynn Docks to lift the Baden Powell out and return her to the safety of the Travis Perkins's yard, where she will undergo the winter programme of maintenance and enhancement. We are grateful to our hosts for offering this help, and to the Borough Council for generous support and help with berthing facilities. We wish the council well in their efforts to provide improved mooring services at the South Quay, and to promote the town as a stopover for visiting leisure boats.

FOR THE RECORD

Chris Ward's photograph of BP on a cockling sandbank in The Wash was a winner in the National Historic Ships UK photography competition. Is there no end to the man's talents?



UNDER A LIGHTER COVER

Last winter we erected a complex scaffolding and tarpaulin structure over the boat to facilitate the yard work. This year Tim has bought a polytunnel frame, so we should have a more manageable method of providing shelter.

On the to-do list for our increasingly able and willing group of local volunteers are removing barnacles, painting, checking all running rigging and an engine service.

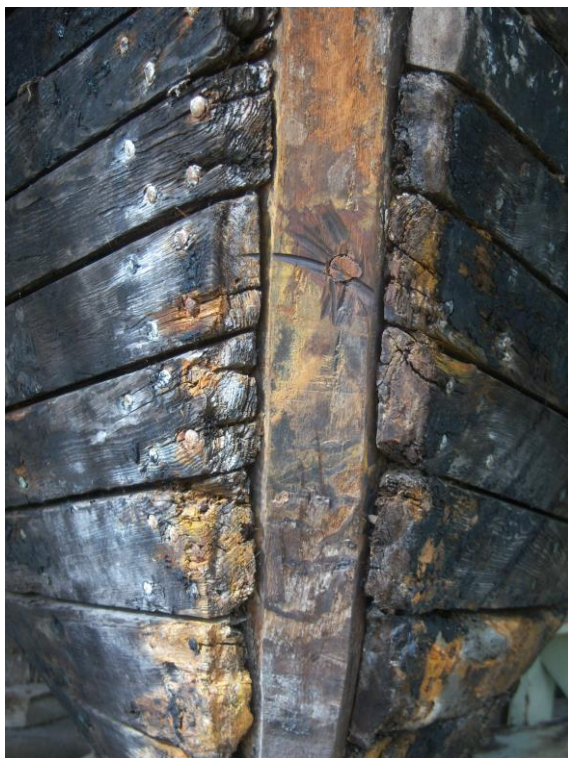
Are you planning an early trip out next year? If so, keep an eye on our website and social network pages so you'll be able to see when booking starts for the new year.

FOR THE POST-COVID DIARY

Nick Daubney and Dr Paul Richards are planning the 2021 Hanse Festival for the weekend of **15/16 May**. They would certainly like the Baden Powell to play a part in the local celebrations. Boats and barges played a significant role of course in all Hanseatic port towns, and in King's Lynn and Bishop's Lynn before it there was much loading and unloading of sea-going vessels in order to take merchandise inland along the Fenland rivers.

It would be a good time to link up again with the Coastal Exploration Company and other friends from the North Norfolk wooden boat fraternity, and possibly make new contacts with towns and villages along the River Great Ouse. It's their history too.

HOW WE REGENERATED THE BADEN POWELL



Stripped and ready for work



One piece off, replace it with new

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

from Tim and the crew, with best wishes for a better 2021