

The Senior Section Ultimate Tall Ships Adventure

Wow what an event!

The whole concept of the Lord Nelson sailing round the UK in 100 days to celebrate the centenary was special enough and to be part of the adventure was amazing. There were so many mountain top moments it is impossible to list them all. Seeing a group of Senior Section members who have never met before working together in teams and making new friendships was wonderful.

The ship itself and the whole tall ship experience, from setting the enormous sails and being on watch duty at really obscure hours like 4.00 - 8.00 in the morning to being bounced around in your bunk when you are trying to sleep!

Some of the highlights were definitely climbing aloft and being out on the yard harbour stowing the sails, on one occasion in winds exceeding 30 knots - you really feel on top of the world! Another highlight was being out in the middle of the North Sea with nothing on the horizon apart from sea and seeing the most beautiful sunrise. Arriving into Newcastle and being met by the lifeboat and having our regional commissioner, Hiliary come on aboard and join us was also particularly special for all those crew members who were from North East England Region.

The whole event was an incredible experience which will never be forgotten!