



**Duke of Edinburgh's Award
GOLD RESIDENTIAL
on board Narrowboat Lady Hilda**



- The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust run several residential training courses for Gold DofE Award participants each year, on board a 62ft narrowboat. Please check the age requirements for each course.
- Participants should not know each other beforehand (i.e. may not come with their friends). ***Although DofE rules state that in big groups a participant may know one other person, due to the small group size on these courses we do not permit this as it changes the group dynamic and is not fair to the others.***
- Courses start and finish at Great Bedwyn SN8 3NY. Bedwyn train station is only a few minutes' walk away, and there is free car parking on site.
- The boat is Lady Hilda - a 9-berth community narrowboat owned by the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust. Facilities on board include a kitchen with gas cooker, fridge and sink, hot and cold running water, two flush toilets, one shower, and bunk beds in three separate rooms.
- Arrive 10-10.30am on the Saturday
- Depart approx. 4pm on the Wednesday
- Cost £240. £60 deposit due on booking (payment details will be sent on receipt of the booking form); £180 balance payable 3 months before the course. ***Please note, the fee is non-refundable. We strongly recommend that you take out cancellation travel insurance.***
- Participants must be able to take a full part in boating activities, including getting on and off the boat safely up and down several steep steps. Accommodation is in bunk beds, in rooms of up to four bunks with people of the same sex. Everyone will be shown how to work the locks and swing bridges safely, as well as learning the correct way to throw and tie ropes, use appropriate hand signals to communicate with other members of the crew, and work as a team. Not to mention the all important learning how to drive the boat! The instructors hold the NCBA Certificate of Community Boat Management, and participants may reach the required standard to gain the NCBA Boat Handling Certificate (small extra charge for registration for this). No prior boating experience needed.
- Participants will be expected to take a full part in domestic activities as well, including keeping the boat clean and tidy, and planning and cooking meals. The first evening will be spent planning a menu and shopping in a local supermarket. The other evenings will be spent doing boating-related activities and games.
- A few negatives: no smoking or vaping, no illegal drugs. No alcohol, except on the last evening on 18+ courses. Please limit the use of phones, headphones and earbuds - we want to get to know one another!
- And the positives: see the Narrowboat FAQs for further boating information.
- Any questions, please email Ali at dofe@katrust.org.uk
- To reserve a place, fill out the online application form and then Ali will send you confirmation of your place along with with bank details for the deposit.



We look forward to welcoming you on board!