

## AXBRIDGE AND CHEDDAR VALLEY SEA CADETS

Axbridge and Cheddar Valley Sea Cadets (Training Ship Goathland) are going from strength to strength. We now have over 30 cadets in the senior and junior sections and they are enjoying a full and varied training programme. Our cadets are achieving a very impressive range of qualifications, especially afloat, with virtually every cadet qualifying for at least one (usually several) of the range of water-borne activities; sailing, rowing, power boating and wind surfing. Apart from the core syllabus, which includes subjects such as seamanship, drill and first aid, we have cadets qualifying for the Duke of Edinburgh awards and attending specialist courses on a range of subjects such as mechanical engineering, meteorology, food preparation and service and that is just to name a few.



We also have cadets booked on to trips on the larger vessels in the Sea Cadets' fleet such as the tall ship, TS Royalist (picture), and the power boat, TS Jack Petchey. During these trips the cadets will enjoy an amazing experience and gain useful qualifications including navigation and watch keeping. Every cadet I have spoken to who has spent time on TS Royalist has described it as "a life-changing experience".

### ***TS Royalist – a life changing experience***

Sea cadet units are run by volunteers and aim to give young people a lot of fun and a good outlook on life based on the traditions of the Royal Navy. We do not exist to recruit for the Royal Navy but all the young people who enjoy their time as Sea Cadets have a great deal to offer when they leave school.

Due to our success we urgently need more staff to help run the unit – can you help? Because of our shortage of staff we have been obliged to temporarily reduce our training programme. Obviously we have uniformed volunteers but if that doesn't appeal you could be a civilian instructor if you would like to pass on your own specialist skill or knowledge. We also need volunteers to do the necessary background work. Could you give us an hour or two each week to do some administration, drive our minibus or help with building maintenance? There is so much to do and we desperately need your help to ensure our young cadets get the full experience we want to offer. If you would like more information please email [co.axbridgesecadets@gmail.com](mailto:co.axbridgesecadets@gmail.com) or telephone me on 07979 994126.

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