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TAUNTON'S SEA CADETS ON PARADE

Sea Cadets from TS Roebuck held their annual Royal Naval Parade in Taunton attended by local dignitaries on Tuesday night, September 15.

VIPs - including Jeremy Browne MP; the Mayor and Mayoress of Taunton Deane, Councillor and Mrs Bowrah, and Captain Vaughan Nail RN, Deputy National Hydrographer - parents and guests joined the cadets as they were inspected by Commander Jos Binns RN.



Pictured: Commander Binns inspects the cadets as Captain Nail looks on.

The inspection is one of the key events in the Sea Cadets' calendar along with the water and land-based training, exercises and activities that take place

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throughout the year. The event showed the wide scope of skills and benefits the young members gain from their time with the Cadets.

The Taunton Unit, based at the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), comprises 24 senior cadets and 11 junior cadets. It is led by a team of adult instructors headed by Chief Petty Officer (SCC) Geoff Kerswell.

Captain Nail said “The Sea Cadets provide a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn a broad range of skills. They not only gain knowledge of the maritime environment but have a lot of fun in the process.”

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Notes for Editors

1. The UKHO, which is part of the Ministry of Defence, has been charting the world's oceans for more than 200 years with the primary aim of providing navigational services for the Royal Navy and merchant mariners to save and protect lives at sea. In addition it also serves the small craft and leisure mariners and provides a range of consultancy services.
2. The UKHO produces a worldwide series of some 3,300 paper nautical charts and 160 publications under the Admiralty brand and has a growing portfolio of Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs). These charts are sold globally and used by nearly 70 per cent of international shipping.
3. The UKHO is a Trading Fund which means it is a government agency owned by the MoD with the freedom to trade commercially to generate revenue and cover running costs.
4. The UKHO also plays a central role, in support of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in discharging the navigation element of the UK's Safety of Life at Sea Treaty obligations for waters of UK national responsibility.
5. The Sea Cadet Corps is a nationwide voluntary uniformed youth organisation open to all young people aged 12 to 18, and with a Junior Section open to those of 10 to 12 years of age. It is Britain's most successful nautical organisation for the development of young people with Units run by enthusiastic adult volunteers.
6. TS Roebuck is affiliated to HMS Roebuck, a coastal survey vessel of the Royal Navy.