



Exiled on the Humber



SOME OF THE EAST RIDING's most high-profile figures joined me in sailing out to sea and having to raise bail money before we were allowed to return as part of a unique charity fundraiser. Exiled on the Humber took place on the River Humber on 11 September, raising around £14000 for the High Sheriffs' and Humberside Police Tribune Trust, my chosen charity as High Sheriff.

Our group of five had to endure a prison-style lunch and briefing, before

we were led across to the holding cells inside Hull's Guildhall. We then faced a mock trial, where our crimes were read out by Judge Michael Mettyear, who was the longest-serving resident judge in the country and former honorary Recorder of Hull and the East Riding. He was joined by acting prosecutor Richard Taylor, of Hull's Gosschalks Solicitors, and a group of children from the city's Longhill Primary School, who acted as the jury, before bail was set. As

Above: Chairman of the High Sheriffs' and Humberside Police Tribune Trust Hugh Bethell, Humberside Police Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Paul Robinson, Chief Fire Officer of Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Dene Sanders, former High Sheriff Julie Good, and Jim Dick, High Sheriff on the CatZero in Hull marina as part of the Exiled on the Humber charity fundraiser

'prisoners', we then had a short time to make our final pleas for bail money to our families, friends and colleagues via phone before we were bundled aboard



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Hull’s CatZero vessel, exiled on the River Humber as we tried to reach our targets.

The pioneering event, which was run in association with the Hull and East Yorkshire (HEY) Smile Foundation and CatZero, both of which I helped to found and chair, stemmed from Smile’s Boss Behind Bars initiative, which sees corporate bosses locked up in Hull Prison in a similar format.

Joining me in exile was chief fire officer of Humberside Fire and Rescue

Service Dene Sanders, Humberside Police Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Paul Robinson, and chairman of the Tribune Trust Hugh Bethell, as well as Julie Good, a former High Sheriff. Our crimes included Dene kidnapping Fireman Sam and myself raising too much money for worthy causes. If the others were going to be locked up, I thought I should put myself forward for punishment too.

The event followed a unique theme

to raise money and, fortunately, we had lovely weather for it. Everybody was extremely generous and I’m very pleased with how it all went. All money raised from Exiled on the Humber is donated to the High Sheriffs’ and Humberside Police Tribune Trust, which helps to build safer communities across the Humber region.

Exiled on the Humber was sponsored and supported by Humberside Police, the Hull and East Yorkshire Smile Foundation, CatZero, Hull Museums and Gosschalks Solicitors.

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