The Fly Navy Heritage Trust was the official charity for this year’s Goodwood Revival in September, raising £35,000. Attended by over 136,000 people, the world-renowned motorsport and aviation event recreates the glorious days of Goodwood between the 1940s and 1960s and was a highly successful showcase for the nation’s Naval Aviation Heritage.

The Trust’s exhibition enclosure, in the Freddie March Spirit of Aviation concours d’elegance, provided a perfect backdrop for two of the Royal Navy’s iconic aircraft, the Fairey Swordfish and Westland Wasp. The Sea Fury T20, flown by Lt Cdr Chris Götke, also excited the crowds with the awesome sound of its Centaurus, and stunning vortices streaming from its wing tips, as it displayed in clear blue skies at the end of each day.

To be the official charity for Goodwood was not only a privilege for the Trust, but also for the Fleet Air Arm and Royal Navy. Speaking at the event, Admiral Sir George Zambellas, Fleet Commander, said: “The support shown by thousands of visitors at Goodwood was outstanding. It was also fantastic to see the powerful combined effect of the Royal Navy, the RNR Air Branch, the Fly Navy Federation, the Fleet Air Arm Officers’ Association and the Fly Navy Heritage Trust, all working together to promote our Naval Aviation Heritage.”

Air Engineering Technicians from HMS Sultan shook collection buckets, proving very popular with members of the public, and aircrew from the Royal Navy Historic Flight, dressed in 1940s flying clothing, re-enacted historic Battle Honours including the Battle of Taranto, the Battle of the Atlantic, the Channel Dash and the Sinking of the Bismarck.

Sea Fury T20 G-RNHF VX281 has been an outstanding success for the Trust, strengthening and consolidating the Trust’s support to the Royal Navy and supporting numerous ‘Royal Navy in the Public Eye’ events up and down the country. Donated to the Trust by a benefactor, she has had exceptional serviceability all year, only missing two air shows, solely due to weather, and her breath-taking displays leave audiences ‘blown away’ by her performance and air show.

The 2012 Ambassadors’ Dinner in May was a great success, raising a magnificent £91,000. Ambassadors and their guests enjoyed a champagne reception and flying display in glorious sunshine, followed by dinner under Concorde in the Fleet Air Arm Museum. Sponsored by Barclays Wealth, the evening included an exciting auction which alone raised over £50,000. The Trust’s Ambassador initiative was launched last year under the chairmanship of Nick Mason, drummer with Pink Floyd, to help raise a £10M endowment. The latest Ambassador to join the Trust is actor, renowned bike fanatic and best-selling co-author of ‘Long Way Round’ and ‘Long Way Down’, Charley Boorman.

Project Warneford VC

One of the outcomes of the Centenary of Naval Aviation in 2009 was the need to re-learn the history of the Royal Naval Air Service and Fleet Air Arm and make the direct link between our heritage, current operations and future capability. In order to harness these important links, Navy Command has launched a project called ‘Warneford VC’ to reinstate naval aviation history into initial training at Raleigh and Dartmouth and wider training and career development courses.

Named after Sub Lt Reginald Warneford, the first naval aviator to be awarded the Victoria Cross for his courageous and resourceful attack on a German Zeppelin on 7 June 1915, the project aims to stimulate a deeper interest in the history, spirit and ethos of naval flying amongst the serving Fleet Air Arm. The project also aims to engender greater understanding and support of the importance of preserving our Naval Aviation Heritage.
Supporters’ Forum
Flying Display
Tour of the Hangar

Supporters’ Open Days will take the place of Charity Flying Days and spouses and many Supporters introducing their friends. Sales Day this year was especially well attended, with a century later, and in celebration of her unique legacy as the genesis of every naval aircraft, Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, Pioneered by naval aviation visionary, Edward. Windermere providing a Naval Aviation Heritage centre in the North of England and the only affiliation with Waterbird, Mike Nixon said “Waterbird firmly belongs in the naval aviation.

By keeping the Swordfish flying we can keep the memory of all those who served in the Battle of the Atlantic with events in London and Liverpool, and the Fly Navy Atlantic Appeal be launching a Battle of the Atlantic with events in London and Liverpool, and the Fly Navy ATLANTIC
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The Trust also plans to designate 2013 as the year to launch its Battle of the Atlantic commemorations in London and Liverpool. The trust is already taking a lead on the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic, where the Swordfish played a vital role in the war by covering merchant ships and small escort carriers and taking part in many missions imaginable during the arduous war. The extraordinary bravery of the 819 Squadron embarked in HMS Archer. The focus for 2013 is to fly the Swordfish in next year’s Battle of the Atlantic events by following us at

October (date tbc)
Friday 20 September
Candlelit Concert St Bartholomew’s

Friday 6 September
Ambassadors’ Battle of the Atlantic Dinner, Churchill War Rooms, London

Wednesday 24 July
A four day national tribute is also

Greenwich on 9 May.

Sunday 26 May
Battle of the Atlantic Commemorative Service, Liverpool Cathedral

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