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Ashbourne's electric origins

It's a story that has been in the making for some time. The Ashbourne Electric Boat Club has been a long time in the making, and it's finally here. The club was formed in 2018, and it's now open to all. The club is based at the Ashbourne Boat Club, and it's a great place to learn and enjoy the sport of electric boating. The club has a lot of experience, and it's a great place to learn and enjoy the sport of electric boating. The club has a lot of experience, and it's a great place to learn and enjoy the sport of electric boating.



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In memory of Milly

Milly Dowler's memory was kept afloat, by the youth club she once belonged to, when they named their new safety boat in her honour.

On Saturday 14 September, Kingston & Elmbridge Junior Snorkellers Club officially named their new club safety boat, 'Milly'. The ceremony was presided over by Sally Dowler, the mother of the murdered school girl for whom the boat was named.

Kingston & Elmbridge Junior Snorkellers Club has been serving the local area of Walton on Thames and the surrounding region for over forty years. It teaches children from age 8 to 16 in the sport of snorkelling.

Milly Dowler, her sister Gemma and mother Sally were all members of the snorkelling club at the time she went missing in 2002. It was decided by the club's committee that the new boat be named after Milly to honour her memory and her family's contribution to the club.

The boat, a Zodiac Futura Mk2, is the largest purchase the club has ever made; the funding for which was supplied in large part by a grant award from Aviva Insurance and through



match funding with local donations and club fundraising efforts.

It is fully stocked with a full array of safety and rescue equipment, including a powerful engine, throwing ropes, navigation kit and VHF radio. It is the first time the club has had access to this sort of equipment. It is capable of getting in close to shore to support the young students in open water training, and can be on hand to deal with any emergency in a matter of seconds.

Nick Stevens, the Senior Instructor said, "The boat has made such a dramatic difference to our club. Not only will it help improve our already excellent safety record, but it will open up new

challenges, create new skills to learn, and offer new opportunities to so many children in the community."

Sally Dowler attended the naming ceremony and club BBQ social, held on the river in Walton, to officially name the boat in front of current members and their parents. After being taken out on the river to see the boat's facilities and capabilities, she said, "I know that Milly would be really chuffed to bits at this honour. It is such an amazing bit of kit."

For further information about the Kingston & Elmbridge Junior Snorkellers Club, please see

www.snorkelling.org.uk