

# [Additional quota for capped licence vessels remains open](#)

News story

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) will accept new applications by capped licence vessels for additional quota until early December following a positive early response to its initiative.



Under this scheme, which is being run in partnership with selected Producer Organisations, owners or skippers of vessels under 10m long with licences limiting their annual quota stock catch to 350kgs can apply for more opportunities for the remainder of 2021.

The one-time offer means a small amount of the additional quota England received from the Trade and Cooperation Agreement will be distributed via the selected Producer Organisations. It will enable the capped vessels to fish above their annual limit for quota stocks before 1 January 2022.

The scheme was devised at pace in response to concerns from a number of small-scale fishers. It is hoped it will help them weather some of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on markets for non-quota stocks, combined with the consequences of a poor fishing year.

The stocks covered by this initiative are available by emailing: [InshoreQuotaManager@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:InshoreQuotaManager@marinemanagement.org.uk). New applications for additional quota should be emailed to this address and include vessel details, which stocks skippers plan to catch and in what quantities.

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# Police volunteers honoured at 2021 Lord Ferrers Awards

Police volunteers have been honoured for their work engaging young people on domestic abuse, supporting vulnerable people in communities, and encouraging people from diverse backgrounds to join the police during the pandemic at an awards ceremony attended by the Home Secretary and Policing Minister on Thursday 14 October.

The Lord Ferrers Awards celebrates the contributions of Police Support Volunteers, Special Constables, Volunteer Police Cadets, and volunteers supporting the work of Police and Crime Commissioners.

The Home Secretary attended the ceremony and presented the Volunteer Police Cadet Team Award to Gwent Senior Police Cadets for developing a youth advocate mentor role to proactively engage with young people on domestic abuse and coercive relationships.

The Policing Minister, meanwhile, presented honours to Bronwen Bishop of Avon & Somerset Constabulary for work engaging key stakeholders on vulnerabilities across two housing estates and Laurence Unthank of Surrey Police for work improving the potential and speed of the existing ANPR system which helped investigations across the south east region.

The ceremony returned this year after a break during the coronavirus pandemic and this year winners for both 2020 and 2021 were awarded across 11 categories at the ceremony at Lancaster House in London.

Elsewhere, Shilah McGregor from Northumbria Police has been honoured for inspiring cadets struggling during lockdown to take an active role in the cadet programme.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

It is heartening to see these volunteers joining our brave police officers working tirelessly to cut crime and protect the public during an unprecedented time.

Their selfless work putting the most vulnerable people in their neighbourhoods first and caring for their communities represents the very best in the British public.

I want to congratulate each and every one of the winners – they are a vital part of the policing family.

Former BBC News presenter Sir Martyn Lewis hosted the event.

Policing Minister Kit Malthouse said:

Volunteers are treasured members of the policing family and I have nothing but the highest regard for people who give up their free time to help keep their neighbours safe.

During a very tough year for everyone, this year's winners are people who have helped engage young people on domestic abuse, supported vulnerable people in their communities and encouraged their police forces to become more diverse.

I would like to thank each and every one and encourage them to continue to play that vital role in society.

The winners are:

1. Special Constabulary Individual Award – Emem Adegbola, Thames Valley Police: Emem proactively advocated for positive internal and external cultural diversity and inclusion, acting as a bridge between policing Corporate Communications and public communities of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnicity citizens by writing a blog and appearing on BBC Radio Berkshire.
2. Special Constabulary Team Award – The Etal Lane Special Constable Response Policing Team Support Group, Northumbria Police: The Group became “acting tutors” for new recruits to the Special Constabulary in order to ease pressure on their regular colleagues, assisting with the transition from the classroom to going out on patrol and buddying up with the new recruits.
3. Leadership Award – Esther McLaughlin, Gwent Police: Esther introduced a new leadership structure increasing support, accountability and strategic visibility for the Special Constabulary across Gwent which afforded special constables the same recognition as regular ranking officers and allowed teams to work more efficiently together.
4. Volunteer Police Cadet Individual Award – Shilah McGregor, Northumbria Police: Shilah inspired many cadets who were struggling during lockdown to take an active role in the cadet programme through reaching out online and offering encouragement and support on an ongoing basis.
5. Volunteer Police Cadet Team Award – Gwent Senior Police Cadets: The cadets developed a youth advocate mentor role to proactively engage with young people on domestic abuse and coercive relationships by delivering awareness sessions, roadshows, community events and promotional videos in partnership with the White Ribbon.
6. Police Support Volunteer Individual Award – Bob Johnson, College of

Policing: Bob has actively supported the Police Support Volunteer portfolio for a number of years, delivering a tool which allows forces to analyse the costs/savings of their volunteers.

7. Police Support Volunteer Team Award – Black Police Association Outreach Volunteers: The Black Police Association Outreach volunteers engage with diverse communities to break down barriers and build trust and confidence in the police. They have also assisted in the delivery of interactive workshops on knife crime to engage young people on the effects of carrying knives.
8. Employer Supported Policing Award – Network Rail: Network Rail give both special constables and police support volunteers five days additional paid leave to perform their policing duties.
9. Technical Innovation Award – Laurence Unthank, Surrey Police: Laurence has expanded the potential, capability and speed of the existing ANPR system, continuously identifying improvements and enhancements to the tool, which has had a significant impact on investigations across the south east region, saving hundreds of hours of manual investigation.
10. OPCC Volunteer Individual or Team Award – Chloe Hammond, OPCC Durham: Chloe, in her role with the Community Peer Mentors, has supported vulnerable people within the community to improve their circumstances, alerting the relevant services to safeguarding concerns where necessary and contributing to reducing the frequency of calls to the emergency services in County Durham.
11. Volunteering in Partnership Award – Bronwen Bishop, Avon & Somerset Constabulary: Bronwen engaged key stakeholders on vulnerabilities across two housing estates to improve service delivery.

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## [UK Carrier Strike Group led by HMS Queen Elizabeth enters Bay of Bengal](#)

World news story

The UK's Carrier Strike Group (CSG), led by HMS Queen Elizabeth has sailed into the Bay of Bengal today in a powerful demonstration of the UK-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership agreed by both Prime Ministers in May

2021.



In its most substantial port visit to date, the CSG will provide a platform for a wide range of cultural demonstrations and trade and investment initiatives.

Subsequently, the CSG will take part in the most demanding exercise ever between the UK and India, incorporating elements from all three military services.

The deployment is a powerful demonstration of the UK's commitment to deepening its diplomatic, economic and security-based ties in the Indo-Pacific region. India is essential in ensuring a free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

**British High Commissioner to India, Alex Ellis said:**

India is an essential partner for the UK in the Indo-Pacific region. The Carrier Strike Group's visit demonstrates the deepening of the UK and India's defence and security partnership.

Prime Ministers Modi and Johnson agreed to work in lockstep for our shared security and prosperity. This visit will boost the cooperation of our armed forces and show the living bridge connecting our people.

**First Sea Lord Adm Tony Radakin said:**

The CSG's engagement with India showcases the deepening comprehensive strategic partnership. Both the Indian and the Royal navy are blue-water, multi-carrier navies, which places us in a very exclusive club. Our growing interactions are a testimony to the shared commitment to rules-based international system, a belief in the values of open trade, and in the importance of the freedom of the high seas – a right conveyed on all nations.

**Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to India, Nepal and Bhutan, Marten van den Berg said:**

The Indian Ocean is a gateway for Europe into the Indo-Pacific and The Netherlands definitely recognizes the increasing importance of the Indo-Pacific region and crucial role of India in this region. The visit to the port of Mumbai by HNLMS Evertsen is a confirmation of our long standing strong relationship and a step towards enhancement of the Netherlands and India defence relations.

The participation of HNLMS Evertsen in the UK Carrier Strike Group provides the Royal Netherlands Navy a unique opportunity for the operations and training with allies and partners and to enhance diplomatic, security and economic ties while visiting different countries along the CSG route. The Netherlands and India are like-minded partners and are committed to an effective multilateralism. The visit definitely reaffirms support to the rules-based international order and shares the common principles of security, stability and freedom of navigation by both nations.

## **Further information**

- Pictures/footage from the deployment can be downloaded [here](#)
- The maiden CSG deployment will travel 26,000 miles, visiting more than 40 countries.
- The Carrier Strike Group is led by HMS Queen Elizabeth – the most powerful surface vessel in the Royal Navy’s history. Taller than Niagara Falls, her propellers generate the power of 50 high-speed trains.
- At 65,000 tonnes, she is the largest surface vessel ever constructed in the UK. She leads six Royal Navy ships, a Royal Navy submarine, a US Navy destroyer and a frigate from the Netherlands in the largest concentration of maritime and air power to leave the UK in a generation.
- The CSG is manned by 3,700 sailors, aviators and marines from the combined forces of the UK, US and the Netherlands.
- It is equipped with the fifth generation F-35B lightning multi-role aircrafts. They are being jointly crewed by the Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and the US Marine Corps.

- The Netherlands frigate HNLMS Evertsen is part of the UK Carrier Strike Group. The navies of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands have been working closely together for years and this joint activity offers a unique opportunity for both forces to integrate and operate together to respond to the global security challenges.

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# [Joint Statement of Support for the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar](#)

The Governments of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Timor Leste, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, on behalf of the European Union, remain deeply concerned about the dire situation in Myanmar, its growing toll on the people of Myanmar, and its worsening implications for regional stability. A peaceful and non-violent resolution of the crisis and return to democracy is a matter of urgency.

Recognising ASEAN's central role in the Indo-Pacific region, we reaffirm our strong endorsement of ASEAN's ongoing efforts to chart a course out of the current crisis in Myanmar. We welcome the prospective visit to Myanmar by the Minister of Foreign Affairs (II) of Brunei Darussalam, Dato Erywan, as the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, and are committed to supporting his efforts to facilitate Myanmar's full and urgent implementation of the Five Point Consensus, as decided by ASEAN Leaders and the Commander in Chief of the Myanmar military on 24 April. We emphasise support for the objectives of Dato Erywan's visit, including his intention to meet all parties in line with the Five-Point Consensus, and call on the regime to facilitate his access. We reiterate our support for the Special Envoy role going forward,

and stand ready to support ASEAN's efforts across Chairs.

We call on Myanmar to engage constructively with the ASEAN Special Envoy to also implement other aspects of the Five-Point Consensus swiftly and completely. In line with the Five-Point Consensus, we call on the military to immediately cease violence; engage in constructive, inclusive dialogue with all stakeholders; and to facilitate safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, including by ensuring the safety of humanitarian and health workers. We also call for full respect for human rights, including the immediate release of those unjustly detained, including foreigners. We further call on the military to facilitate regular visits to Myanmar by the ASEAN Special Envoy, and for him to be able to engage freely with all stakeholders.

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## [Charles Randell to leave the FCA and PSR in Spring 2022](#)

News story

Charles Randell CBE, Chairman of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Payment Systems Regulator (PSR), has asked the Chancellor to commence the process to appoint his successor.



Charles Randell was appointed Chair of the FCA and the PSR with effect from 1 April 2018 and plans to leave both organisations in Spring 2022.

**The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, said:**

I want to thank Charles Randell for his work as Chairman of both the Financial Conduct Authority and the Payment Systems Regulator during this important period.

Both organisations undertake a vital role in ensuring that the UK

financial markets work well, protecting the interests of consumers, promoting effective competition, and enhancing the integrity of the UK financial system. Charles has led both Boards during the UK's transition to our new position outside the EU, through the vital economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic and supporting the important transition following Nikhil Rathi's arrival as new CEO of the FCA.

### **Charles Randell said:**

As the FCA prepares to implement its new wholesale, retail and data strategies under an established new executive, now is the right time for a new Chair to carry on the close and continuous oversight of our transformation.

Being Chair of the FCA and PSR has been a great privilege. During the pandemic, the FCA stood up for consumers and businesses, while the markets we oversee proved resilient, laying the foundations for record capital raising to support the recovery.

The PSR has been working to ensure payment systems – the lifeblood of the economy – work well for all.

HM Treasury will now commence the process for recruiting a new Chair for the FCA and PSR.

### **Further information**

- Find the exchange of letters between Charles Randell and the Chancellor [here](#)
- The Financial Conduct Authority is an independent body, accountable to HM Treasury and to Parliament. The Chair of the Financial Conduct Authority is appointed by HM Treasury; the Chair of the Payment Systems Regulator is appointed by the FCA with the approval of HM Treasury. Charles Randell was appointed Chair of both bodies in April 2018.
- The PSR is the UK's economic regulator for payment systems and is the first regulator of its kind in the world. The Chair of the PSR Board is appointed by FCA Board, with the approval of HM Treasury.
- Charles Randell took up his role as Chair of the FCA and PSR Boards in April 2018. The term for appointment was five years.