

# Iconic lifeboat arrives home after 100 years

THE CHARTERHOUSE finally rolled into Fishguard by road on Wednesday, 100 years after she was first launched as the town's lifeboat.

Volunteers have been working tirelessly over the past few months to bring the iconic vessel back to the town from Bangor in north Wales.

There was a surprise visitor when the Charterhouse arrived.

Rhian Peters' grandfather, Tom Perkins was one of the crew members awarded for their bravery in 1920 during the rescue of crew from a stranded Dutch Schooner.

Mrs Peters, who lives in Llandysul, showed volunteers the gold medal and certificate her grandfather received for his part in the rescue and also gave a donation to the project.

One of the volunteers, Cllr Richard Davies, said: "Now that she is back in Fishguard, we are going to go for charitable status to raise money for the renovation of the Charterhouse.



Pictured is the vessel arriving on the back of the lorry. Below: Cllr Richard Davies, Rhian Peters, Phil Davies and mayor Gwilym Price

by Dylan Davies

"We are going to have some people look over the vessel to see what needs doing and hopefully we will bring her to the front of the harbour for Civic Week so people can see her."

Phil Davies, who wrote a book

on the Charterhouse last year, said he was thrilled the boat has made it back to Fishguard safely. "With the book and everything else, I have been working on this project for 54 weeks, so it isn't bad to finally get her back in that time. I am just glad nothing happened to her on the journey," he said.

