

David Robertson Youth Award winner

Jordan Havell, who is 14 years old, has worked hard on raising awareness of stranded mammals around the UK coastline and two years ago he started a Facebook campaign page, which has over 500 likes.

He has contacted nearly every coastal council to ask that they use the British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) poster around their areas. In January 2016 he became a qualified BDMLR marine mammal medic – his young age disallows him from taking part in sea rescues, but he has assisted by writing notes and taking photos.

Jordan has recently completed the Royal Foundation wildlife course and is awaiting his Gold Award from the Gerald Durrell Conservation Trust. He recently received a letter from Sir David Attenborough congratulating him on his sea work and encouraging him to continue and expand it as far as possible. In 2015 he won a national Animal Hero Award and he also holds a John Muir Trust Award for conservation.

David Robertson (1806–1896) was a Scottish naturalist who founded the University Marine Biological Station at Millport, which opened in 1897. Millport Marine Biological Station closed in 2013, but reopened in 2014 as Millport Field Centre thanks to the Field Studies Council.