

# **SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - RNLI NEWS RELEASE**

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## **LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION**

**Launch Report 3/2007**

### **VEHICLE AND OCCUPANTS REPORTED TRAPPED ON HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY**

Call Out No:	3	/ 2007			
Day:	Wednesday	Time:	3.41pm	Date:	4 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2007
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 1/2	Direction:	NE
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Slight		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore	Crew: -	David Fordy, John Hanvey.	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Sandy Straughan, Eric Stanwix, Dave King, Terry Wainright.
Returned to Station:	4.05pm	Service Duration:	20mins	Coastguard Incident No:	083301

At 3.41pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007, Humber Coastguard received a report a vehicle and occupants, trapped by the tide on Holy Island Causeway. Local Coastguards from Seahouses and Holy Island were mobilised, and Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat was requested to launch. The Inshore Lifeboat proceeded by sea due to the calm conditions, after 12 minutes of the passage to Holy Island, local Coastguards confirmed that the causeway was clear of all vehicles and persons. It was assumed that the vehicle had managed to safely return to the shore, and the incident was a false alarm with good intent. The Lifeboat was then stood down by the Coastguards, and returned to station. The RNLI have no further information about the casualties. A rescue Helicopter from RAF Boulmer was also scrambled, and cancelled shortly after take off.

This is the second incident in a week, and there is some suggestion that today's casualties may have been foreign. There are again reports as the holiday season approaches, that many motorists are trying to cross the causeway in direct contradiction to the clearly displayed safe crossing times, oblivious to the potential danger to themselves and the potential destructive damage salt water can have on a modern car engine and electronics. Insurance companies may refuse claims, on grounds of contributory negligence by the owner/driver. The cost to the rescue services can also be substantial.

The Lifeboat returned to its station at Seahouses at 4.05pm that day.

**Safe Crossing Times for 4/04/2007 were : 07:45 to 11:40 and from 20:10 to 03:00(Thurs).**

Ends.

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