



Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 10/2007

ANOTHER FAMILY OF 4 TRAPPED ON HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY

Call Out No:	10	/ 2007			
Day:	Tuesday	Time:	1.26pm	Date:	15 th May 2007
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 2	Direction:	North Easterly
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Slight		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore	Crew: -	David Fordy, Eric Stanwix, Neil Adams	Landrover / Shore Crew:	John Hanvey, Philip Davidson.
Returned to Station:	3.25pm	Service Duration:	2hrs	Coastguard Incident No:	087774

At 1.26pm on Tuesday 15th May 2007, Humber Coastguard received an emergency mobile phone call from the occupants of a motor vehicle, stranded in deep water on Holy Island Causeway. A male and two children were on the roof of the car, and a female was up to her waist in the water. The vehicle was also part floating in the water. They required immediate and urgent assistance.

Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat was paged to launch immediately and an RAF Helicopter from RAF Boulmer was scrambled. Local Coastguards from Seahouses and Holy Island were also called. The Helicopter reached the scene just ahead of the Inshore Lifeboat, and winched the family to safety. The car occupants, a man and woman with a 4yr old daughter and 2yr old son, did not require medical assistance. They were landed into the safe care of local coastguards and police, on the landward side of the causeway. The Lifeboat crew recovered what personal effects they could from the motor vehicle, a Ford Focus, which was floating by this time. The casualties are believed to be from West Yorkshire, and were on holiday staying locally.

Yet again, it appears that motorists were trying to cross the causeway in direct contradiction to the clearly displayed safe crossing times. High tide at Seahouses was 14.03hr that day and the car had crossed after the last safe crossing time of the morning, of 11.50hr, becoming stranded at 1.25pm.

The Lifeboat arrived back on station at Seahouses at 3.25pm that day.

Safe Crossing Times for 4/05/2007 were : 05:25 to 11:50 and from 17:50 to 00:25(Wed).

Ends.