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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 11 & 12 /2007

LIFEBOATS CALLED BACK TO HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY, JUST 12 HOURS AFTER PREVIOUS RESCUE

Call Out No:	11 & 12	/ 2007			
Day:	Wednesday	Time:	1.42am	Date:	16 th May 2007
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 1 - 2	Direction:	SSW
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Slight		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore and All Weather Lifeboats	Crew: -	Michael Douglas, Zeddy Annison, Eric Stanwix, Ian Fisher, Paul Allison, Paul Ternent, Ian Bloomfield Neil Adams, Neil Calvert	Landrover / Shore Crew:	John Hanvey, Paul Bolton, Philip Davidson, Sandy Straughan, Dave King.
Returned to Station:	4.40am	Service Duration:	3hrs	Coastguard Incident No:	087826

At **2.42am** on **Wednesday 16th May 2007**, only some 12 hours after involvement in a high profile rescue of a family of 4, Humber Coastguard received an emergency mobile phone call from the friends/relatives of two teenagers who had sent them a text message stating that their car was stuck in sand at Holy Island. Communication had then been lost. These relatives/friends travelled from Whitley Bay to Holy Island, but when they could not locate the youngsters or their vehicle (and dog), they alerted the Coastguard, some hour and a half after the initial contact. The last safe crossing time had been 12.25am. A helicopter from RAF Boulmer was scrambled, and both Seahouses Lifeboats were launched immediately. There was serious concern for the safety of these youngsters, in case their vehicle had been washed away by the sea. A full scale search took place, using night vision and thermal imaging equipment. Coastguard teams from Seahouses and Holy Island were also searching. After establishing the causeway was clear, the search concentrated on the Island coastline. Holy Island Coastguard then located the vehicle stuck in sand dunes on the north side of the Island, well away from the causeway. They towed the vehicle out, and escorted it to a safe car park. The teenagers, a boy and girl and their dog, were safe and well. All the rescue services were then stood down and local police were to make further enquiries.

The Lifeboats arrived back on station at Seahouses at **4.40am** that day.

Ends.

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