

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - *RNLI NEWS RELEASE*

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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 3/2006.

FAMILY OF FIVE CUT OFF ON HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY, RESCUED BY LIFEBOAT

Call Out No:	3 / 2006				
Day:	Monday	Time:	12.41pm	Date:	24 th April 2006
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 5/6	Direction:	South East
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Rough		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore Lifeboat	Crew: -	Eric Stanwix, Neil Adams, Martin Malone	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Ian Clayton, Sandy Straughan
Returned to Station:	2.12pm	Service Duration:	1 ½ Hrs	Coastguard Incident No:	046682

At 12.41 pm on **Monday 24th April 2006**, Humber Coastguard received an emergency call from the Central Refuge Box on Holy Island Causeway, from the driver of a Ford Focus saloon car, who had attempted to cross the causeway in contravention to the safe crossing times. After ploughing through the rising tide, the driver and his three young children, abandoned their car and climbed into the refuge box, where they called for help on the emergency telephone.

Police, and **local Coastguards** from **Holy Island** and **Seahouses** were called out, and **the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat** was requested to launch. Because of the rough sea conditions, it was decided to take the boat by road to Holy Island Causeway, being towed by the Station Landrover. The family were brought to safety in two trips, and were conveyed to the Plough Hotel at Beal, where there were given shelter and a warm drink. Apart from being cold and wet, and a little frightened by their experience, none required medical assistance. They were later advised by local coastguards and police. The driver and his wife, with their three daughters aged 14, 11 and 5, were from Whitburn, West Lothian, Scotland.

The Safe Crossing Times are clearly displayed at both sides of the Causeway, and on Holy Island itself. Drivers who disregard this information, may be putting their own lives and others, at risk.

Safe crossing times for Monday 24th April, 2006 :- 03.05am to 10.45am and 3.20pm to 11.20pm.

Ends.