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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 32/2005

FIRE SERVICE REQUEST LIFEBOAT ASSISTANCE TO REACH HOLY ISLAND

Call Out No:	32	/ 2005			
Day:	Monday	Time:	1.45 AM	Date:	17 TH Oct 2005
Weather:	Fine	Wind Speed:	Force 5/6	Direction:	South east
Visibility:	Clear	Sea State:	Moderate / rough		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	Inshore Lifeboat	Crew: -	John Hanvey, David Fordy	Landrover / Shore Crew:	Ian Clayton
Returned to Station:	6.38am	Service Duration:	5 hours	Coastguard Incident No:	032081

At **1.33am** on **Monday 17th October, 2005**, Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service had mobilised two appliances (Berwick and Belford) to a report of a building on fire near Lindisfarne Castle on Holy Island. They were unable to reach the island, because the causeway was flooded by a very high tide. The Fire Service requested RAF Boulmer's Helicopter to transfer fire crews to the island, but as the aircraft was not immediately available and no life was believed at risk, the request was turned down. The Police Helicopter was tasked, and transferred a fire officer to the Island to assess the incident. Local Coastguards on Holy Island had also been alerted and began to co-ordinate the incident. RNLI Lifeboat assistance was then requested at **1.45am**, and the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat was crewed and taken by road to Holy Island, being safer due the rough seas and darkness. The Lifeboat conveyed **two fire crews, a portable pump, and a fire investigation officer** to the Island, and then stood by at Holy Island Haven in case of further assistance being required. The Fire Crews utilised the Holy Island fire appliance, and the fire was extinguished without injury. The Lifeboat was released at 5.47am, and was taken back to Seahouses by road, arriving at 6.38am.

Further information about the actual fire should be available from Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service.

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