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Missing 7yr old boy - Bamburgh beach.

At 3.23pm on Friday 30th July, 1999, after requests for assistance from Northumbria Police to search Bamburgh beach for a missing 7yr old boy, wearing only swimming trunks. The Seahouses Lifeboat Crew were paged by the Coastguard, and the Inshore Lifeboat launched at once to search the beach waterline, as Coastguard auxiliaries searched the beach area. The police units concentrated on the dunes and car parks, whilst the police helicopter, later joined by the RAF Rescue Helicopter from Boulmer searched overhead. The police were becoming increasingly concerned for the boy, who they described as vulnerable. He had been on a bus trip from Scotland, and missing for almost two hours before the emergency services were alerted by his parents and friends. He has not been named. At about 4.15pm, the boy was found safe and well, some four hours after going missing, having walked over two miles along the beach to Seahouses. He was found by members of his party, and reunited with his very distraught parents. Once this had been confirmed, the search and rescue operation was closed down, and the lifeboats returned to station.

Northumbria Police and the boys parents expressed considerable gratitude for the help and assistance received from the RNLI, Coastguard and RAF Helicopter Crew.

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