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Third Service of the year to Holy Island Causeway!!

At 2.17pm on Wednesday 17 March, 1999, Tyne Tees Coastguard once again requested immediate launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, to go to the aid of two persons reported trapped in a Land Rover by the rising tide on the Holy Island Causeway. An RAF Seaking Search and Rescue Helicopter from RAF Boulmer was also scrambled, as the two occupants were reported to have climbed onto the roof of their vehicle, as the tide was still rising around it. They were unable to get to the Refuge Box.

The inshore lifeboat proceeded by sea to the causeway. Two men, from the Borders area, were winched from their vehicle by the helicopter as the Inshore Lifeboat arrived on scene and landed safely on the landward side of the causeway, where they were met by the police. Both men were fit and well and did not require any medical assistance. Arrangements are being made to recover their Land Rover, when the tide recedes after 6pm tonight. It is likely to be severely damaged by the effect of sea water on the engine. Both men were given appropriate advice by both the helicopter crew and the Inshore Lifeboat Crew, in relation to their failure to observe the warning signs and safe crossing times clearly displayed at the ends of the Causeway. Safe crossing times for today were between 5.51am and 12.20pm.

Despite warnings and much appreciated press coverage, yet again two men through their own actions have put their lives at risk, severely damaged their vehicle, and put the emergency services to considerable expense . Once again, we can only stress the need for people visiting Holy Island to check the safe crossing times, clearly displayed at each end of the Causeway, or even seek advice from the Islanders !

WHAT MORE CAN WE SAY ???!

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