



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

INCIDENT REPORT 13/2002.

Search started after Clothes found on Seahouses Pier

Crew: D.Fordy, E.Fordy and P.Tenant. Landrover/launchers: I.Clayton,M.Malone.

At just after 9.30pm on Thursday 18th July 2002, a member of the public reported to the police, finding a full set of youth's clothing at the end of the Seahouses main breakwater pier. Local police and coastguards attended, and at 9.50pm the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat was requested to launch and search the area around the pier. The police helicopter was also tasked. The tide was just ebbing at this time, and there was concern that the owner of the clothes had been swimming in the harbour, and had failed to return. A number of local youths were known to have been swimming in the harbour earlier in the day. The crew had already assembled, and the lifeboat was launched within 3 minutes of being requested. The police eventually traced the owner of the clothes, who was at home in bed !. He had returned home in his wetsuit, forgetting to collect his clothes before leaving the harbour. The lifeboat was then recalled at 10.18pm, and the incident was finalised as a "False alarm with good intent".

Weather conditions at the time were fine, fading daylight becoming dark, with a light s/w wind and calm sea and localised 0.5mtr swells around the pier area.

Ends.