



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Incident Report No 14a/2002

NOT ALL LIFEBOAT CALLS NEED A LIFEBOAT

Crew : John Hanvey, Mick Hoyle, Ian Fisher & Ian Clayton.

At 6.20pm on Friday 26th July, 2002, Seahouses Lifeboat Crew were just starting a meeting at the Lifeboat Station, when a member of the public ran in and requested assistance for a young girl who had been diving in the harbour, and appeared to now be suffering badly from hypothermia.

Four members of the crew took blankets and oxygen aboard the station Landrover, and went to the end of the pier, where they found a local 16yr old girl in a very distressed condition, shivering severely, and suffering breathing difficulty. The crew suspected that she may have inhaled seawater, as well as possibly suffering the effects of cold and shock. They applied blankets, and administered oxygen, which appeared to ease the girl's condition. Meanwhile, an ambulance attended, and the girl was taken to Alnwick Infirmary for assessment, while local police informed her relatives.

This was the second incident of the day, involving youngsters diving into the harbour, to cool off in the warm weather. Earlier that afternoon, a crew member at the station was called to assist a local youth who had been swimming in the harbour, when another dived on top of him. That youth was safely ashore, but had suffered a suspected broken collar bone. An ambulance was quickly on the scene, and took him to Alnwick Infirmary for treatment, after he had been examined by a local doctor, also called to the scene.

*All Lifeboat Crew Members are trained to a high level of First Aid, and to administer oxygen where necessary.
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