



## Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

### **LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION**

Launch Report No 16/2002

## **SWIMMERS RESCUED BY SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT**

Crew : Mick Hoyle, Paul Tenent. Launcher/Landrover : Ian Clayton

At 4.43pm on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2002, Humber Coastguard requested the immediate launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, after receiving a "999" call from a member of the public on Bamburgh Beach. The report stated that two persons were in the water in difficulty off Bamburgh Castle. The Lifeboat was quickly on scene and two teenage girls were found swimming about 250 metres off the beach. They were making no progress trying to return to the shore, and were taken aboard the lifeboat and landed safely on the beach. They were holiday makers staying locally in the area.

Local coastguards were also alerted and attended the beach where they also found a middle aged woman on holiday from Essex, who had also been swimming in the sea and had swallowed a quantity of sea water while trying to reach the shore, after also apparently being in some difficulty. She was then feeling unwell, and an ambulance was called which took her to Alnwick Infirmary for assessment.

Humber Coastguard complimented the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat for its rapid response to this call. The Inshore Lifeboat was underway in slightly **over three minutes** of the crew being paged !.

*Weather conditions at the time were very good , visibility was excellent, wind force 1/2, south easterly, with a calm sea (0.5 metre swells).*

Humber Coastguard Incident No: H.646 refers.  
Ends.