



## Seahouses Lifeboat Station

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From Station Press Officer

### LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 27/2003

### **CAR STRANDED ON HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY.**

**Date:** Thursday 14/08/03    **Callout time:** 4.23pm    **Launch time:** 4.27pm  
**Wind speed:** 3/4    **Wind direction:** NNE    **Sea state:** Light, 1m swells  
**Weather:** Bright and Clear    **Visibility:** Excellent    **Casualty:** Stranded vehicle  
**Recovery Time:** 6.05pm    **Coastguard Incident No:** DIN 633  
**Location:** Holy Island Causeway.    **Lifeboat:** Relief Inshore Lifeboat.  
**Crew:** Inshore Lifeboat: David Fordy, Martin Malone, Zaddy Annison.  
**Launchers:** Scott Priestley, Sandie Straughan.

**Details:** At 4.23pm on Thursday 14th August, 2003, Humber Coastguard requested the immediate launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, after receiving a "999" call from the occupants of a Saab motor car, which had become stranded while attempting to cross the Holy Island Causeway approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes AFTER the safe crossing time. The vehicle had broken down in deep water, and the occupants, a man, woman and two children, had climbed onto the roof. A Rescue Helicopter from RAF Boulmer was also scrambled, and reached the car minutes before the Inshore Lifeboat, and winched the family to safety. The Lifeboat crew attempted to recover any obvious valuables from the vehicle, which had sea water up to the windows, and then returned to Seahouses.

The family were from St Albans, Hertfordshire, and were on holiday in the area. They were flown to RAF Boulmer, and were in contact with the Police and Coastguard, in relation to recovery of their car, which was likely to be badly damaged by the effects of sea water upon the electronics.

***Safe crossing times were from 8.40am - 3.05pm for today. Signs are widely displayed, around the island and causeway, indicating the safe crossing periods.***

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