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From Station Press Officer

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report No 31/2003

WALKERS SPARK RESCUE ALERT AT HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY.

Date: Sunday 26/10/03 Callout time: 1.46pm Launch time: 1.46pm
Wind speed: 4 Wind direction: NNW Sea state: Choppy, 1.5m swells
Weather: Bright and Clear Visibility: Excellent Casualty: Stranded Walkers
Recovery Time: 3.15pm Coastguard Incident No: DIN 817
Location: Holy Island Causeway Lifeboat: "D" Class Inshore Lifeboat.
Crew: Inshore Lifeboat: *David Fordy, Mick Hoyle, Neil Calvert*
Landrover/launchers: *John Hanvey, Sandy Straughan.*

Details: At 1.46pm on Sunday 26th October, 2003, Humber Coastguard received a "999" call from a member of the public, reporting five walkers wading across the Holy Island Causeway. The water was deep in places, and the tide was rising. The coastguard alerted shore based coastguards from Berwick and Seahouses, and requested the immediate launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat. With the possibility of strong winds and currents sweeping across the causeway, it could be quite dangerous for anyone to try wade across, particularly at this time of year. When the emergency services reached the scene, there was no sign of the walkers, and a local search was carried out to establish that they were safe. It is now understood from the initial informant that they had safely reached the Holy Island side of the causeway. Local Coastguards on the Island then conducted a search for them, with a view to giving them appropriate advice.

Ends.