



Seahouses Lifeboat Station

Tel : 01665 720370

From Station Press Officer:

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

INCIDENT REPORT 7/2002.

OCCUPANTS OF CAR STRANDED ON HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY.

At 3.11pm on Sunday 28 April, 2002, Humber Coastguard received a call for assistance from the refuge box on Holy Island Causway. A male and female in their 20's, on holiday in the area from West Yorkshire, had been crossing the causeway outside of the clearly displayed safe crossing times, when their vehicle became trapped by the fast flowing high tide. They were very distressed, and water was rising up to the windows of their hastily abandoned vehicle. The Coastguards requested the immediate launch of the Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, which proceeded by sea. The lifeboat was quickly on the scene, and the two casualties were brought safely ashore, where they were met by local Coastguards. The Lifeboat crew then recovered some personal effects from the vehicle, which then had to be abandoned till the tide receded. The driver is making arrangements for the recovery of the vehicle, believed to be a nearly new Peugeot 307. It is likely that the sea water will have caused serious damage to the engine and electronics.

Holy Island safe crossing times for Sunday 28 April, 2002 were 8.15am till 1.55pm, and 8.20pm till 2.30am.

Weather conditions at the time were wind Force 2-3 westerly, clear visibility, with slight to smooth sea conditions near the causeway.

Coastguard Log No H.251 refers.