

SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - RNLI NEWS RELEASE

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From Local Station Press Officer:



Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

Launch Report 019/ 2010

COUPLE IN CAMPERVAN TRAPPED ON HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Wed 26 th May 13.36hr	14:40hr	Inshore Lifeboat	Overcast.	ENE Force 3/4	Choppy	Good

At 13:35hr on Wednesday 26th May, 2010, Humber Coastguard requested the launch of the **Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat**, to go to the assistance of a male and female from a VW Campervan, who were cut off by the rising tide on Holy Island Causeway. They had attempted to cross contrary to the clearly displayed safe crossing times, and had abandoned their vehicle and made their way to the Refuge box, from where they called for help using the emergency telephone. Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, which was on its way to a local school for a P.R. visit, was paged and diverted to the Causeway. It was taken by road and launched at the Causeway due to the choppy sea conditions. The two persons, who were from the Nottingham area, were brought safely ashore by lifeboat on the mainland side, where they were met by local coastguards from Seahouses and the police.

Lifeboat Operations Manager Ian Clayton commented " *I am seriously dismayed, that despite the clear signage and all the publicity, we are still being called to rescue people from the Causeway. I remain concerned that on a really big tide, there could be a loss of life when people act with such disregard for their own safety, and with a total lack of appreciation that they are driving into the North Sea, not crossing a quite country ford or stream !*"

Ends

Safe Crossing times for 26 May 2010 were 05:05 until 12:10 and from 17:40 until 00:35 (Thu)