

# **SEAHOUSES LIFEBOAT STATION - RNLI NEWS RELEASE**

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From Local Station Press Officer:



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### **TWO PERSONS TRAPPED ON HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY**

DATE/TIME LAUNCHED	RETURNED TO STATION	LIFEBOAT(S) LAUNCHED	WEATHER	WIND	SEA STATE	VISIBILITY
Sun 22nd August 2010 17.18hr	18.15hr	Inshore Lifeboat	Sunny, fine	SW Force 3	Calm	Good

At **14.16hr** on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2010**, Humber Coastguard requested the launch of Seahouses Inshore Lifeboat, to go to the assistance of two persons in the water, near their stranded Volvo motor car, who were unable to reach the Refuge Box. They had attempted to cross the causeway contrary to the clearly published safe crossing times. The Inshore Lifeboat was quickly launched as crew were already on station. The RAF Rescue Helicopter and Local Coastguard Rescue Personnel, were also mobilised. As the Inshore Lifeboat reached the scene, the rescue helicopter arrived and was able to winch the casualties to safety. All of the Rescue Resources were then stood down by Humber Coastguard.

**The safe crossing times for today were from 04.50hr to 12.45hr and from 17.30hr to 00.50hr (Mon).**

The Lifeboat then returned to station at Seahouses. The RNLI have no further information about the casualties. Their vehicle was left abandoned on the causeway, and would be removed when the tide receded, by a recovery vehicle. *If salt water has entered the car's engine compartment and electronics, the vehicle is likely to be written off. Insurance companies may well not pay out on any claim, classing these actions as contributory negligence.*

Lifeboat Operations Manager Ian Clayton commented "*I really am dismayed, that despite all the publicity, we are still getting visitors stranded on Holy Island Causeway. I find it really difficult to understand how apparently rational people can drive their cars into the North Sea, and then wonder why they suddenly find themselves stranded !*"

Ends.

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