

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

Christmas Eve callout for Fowey RNLI volunteer lifeboat crewmembers.

At quarter past four in the afternoon the RNLI in-shore lifeboat *Olive Two* and the RNLI all-weather Trent class lifeboat *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* were launched to children in trouble during a Christmas swim.

The children were swimming at Carlyon Bay, there was only a light swell and the sea temperature was 8 degrees, more than the 7 degrees on land; however there was a strong shore dump on the beach which proved too fierce for the children to manage.

A Culdrose helicopter arrived very quickly and took the family to Treliske due to fears of hypothermia and the lifeboats were returned to Fowey, ready on station by 4.30pm.

RNLI media contacts

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Key facts about the RNLI

The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 160 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 139,000 lives.

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