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to face 10m
waves, in the
pitch dark and
freezing cold**

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Explore, Discover or Observe the RNLI

The RNLI is a charity that provides a 24-hour lifesaving service around the UK and Republic of Ireland. Our lifeboat service in the UK receives no Government funding. As a charity, the RNLI relies on your support to carry on saving lives at sea.

The RNLI has over 230 stations around the coast of the UK and Republic of Ireland. These are split into three levels - **Explore**, **Discover** and **Observe**. Our Explore category stations offer you the best opportunities to enjoy the station and lifeboats close at hand, all free of charge. Subject to operational requirements, you can go inside and look around the station.

Our crews from Discover and Observe stations are equally welcoming to visitors as those at Explore stations. However these lifeboat stations were often built before visitors were considered. Discover stations normally open their boathouse doors during the summer months while Observe stations are often in more inaccessible places. Both are situated in stunning locations so you can enjoy exploring the local area.



Come visit us

Explore Moelfre Lifeboat Station



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Train one, save many

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Where to find us



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Moelfre Lifeboat House

EXPLORE STATION

Open: 10am–4pm daily. All groups by appointment only

Directions: Go over Britannia Bridge on to Anglesey, then follow signs on A5025 for Amlwch. After eight miles at the roundabout turn right into Moelfre and you will see the boathouse.

Contact for group visits: Steven Owen
Tel: 01248 410367

Shop: Moelfre Seawatch Centre

Shop open: Easter–end Sept

Web: www.moelfrelifeboat.co.uk

See boathouse board or website for launch times

S Shop / Souvenirs

50 Maximum Group Numbers

Although our buildings are designed primarily for operational purposes, the RNLI is striving to provide disabled access at its stations wherever possible. However, at present, access levels vary considerably so please contact each station directly to ensure that access, appropriate to your needs, is available.

Some of our history

Moelfre, a small coastal village on the eastern side of Anglesey, has had a lifeboat since 1830 and lifeboats have been launched down a slipway here since 1893. In 1909 a new boathouse and slipway was constructed and this boathouse is still in use today, remaining unaltered until 1987 when it was adapted to accommodate the present all weather lifeboat, the Tyne class *Robert and Violet*. This included an extension to the slipway, new boathouse doors, a boarding platform, a new fuel storage tank and a new main lifeboat winch.

In 1965 a 'summer only' inshore D class lifeboat was placed on service and in 1994 this was extended to an all-year-round service.

Lifeboats and lifeboat crews have changed dramatically over the years. In 1884, after 34 years as Coxswain, at the age of 82, Coxswain Rowland Hughes resigned! In 1916 it was reported that the lifeboat launched with a crew all over the age of 65.

The Medal record at Moelfre speaks volumes for the bravery of the lifeboat crew. Thirty seven Medals for Gallantry have been awarded - four Gold, seven Silver and 26 Bronze, the last being awarded in 1967. The four Gold Medals were awarded in 1927 (two), 1959 and 1966. Of the four Gold Medals, two were awarded to Coxswain Richard (Dic) Evans, one of the few lifeboatmen ever to have won the RNLI's Gold Medal for bravery twice.

Dic Evans became a crew member in 1921 when he was just 16. He took over as coxswain from his uncle, John Mathews, in 1954, himself a recipient of the Silver Medal, earning his first RNLI Gold Medal five years later during a daring rescue which saw the stricken *SS Hindlea's* crew saved in hurricane force winds.

The second Gold Medal came in December 1966 after he helped save 10 men from the Greek ship *Nafsiporos* which had broken down off Point Lynas in heavy seas. Mr Evans retired as coxswain in 1970, but continued to promote the RNLI until he died aged 96 in 2001.

Our lifeboats

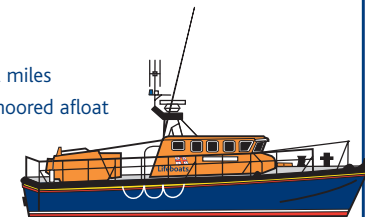
Robert and Violet ON-1116 (47-013)

Tyne class lifeboat

The Tyne class all weather lifeboat, introduced in 1982, is the RNLI's main slipway-launched lifeboat. She has a compact superstructure and her steel hull and fully protected propellers take into account the stresses and strains of slipway launching. A number of these lifeboats also lie afloat. A small manually launched inflatable X boat is carried on board. This is used to assist in rescuing casualties and can be rowed into locations inaccessible to the all weather lifeboat.

Specification

Length: 14m
Speed: 17 knots
Range: 240 nautical miles
Launch method: Slipway or moored afloat
Crew: 6
Introduced: 1982
Cost to replace: £1.2M–£2M



Enfys D-689

D class lifeboat (IB 1)

The D class is the most numerous of the inshore fleet and was introduced in 1963 as the first inflatable lifeboat. Fast, light and with very shallow draught, it can respond rapidly and work in very shallow and confined waters. It is an ideal lifeboat for rescues close to shore in fair-to-moderate conditions in both daylight and darkness. It has a single outboard engine and can be launched from special trolleys or even manually.

Specification

Length: 5m
Speed: 25 knots
Endurance: 3 hours at maximum speed
Launch method: Trolley
Crew: 2/3
Introduced: 1963
Cost to replace: £29,000

