



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

Please can you volunteer £20 to help him?

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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 Swanage Lifeboat Station



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Where to find us



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Swanage Peveril Point Road

EXPLORE STATION

Open: Apr–Sept 10am–4pm Mon–Fri

Directions: Follow signs to Durlston Country Park, then through Broad Rd car park.

Contact for group visits: David Turnbull or see website to book

Tel: 01929 423237

Shop: 3 Station Road, Swanage

Shop open: All year

Shop tel: 01929 427341

Web: www.swanagelifeboat.org.uk

Don't miss: Crew training – Wed pm and Sun am

P Parking

S Shop / Souvenirs

30 Maximum Group Numbers

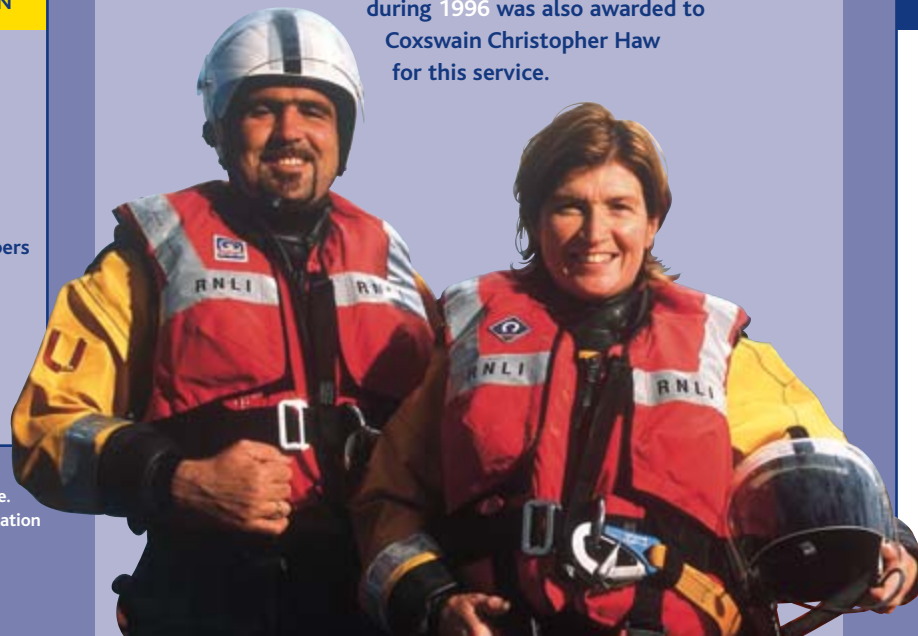
Our history

Swanage is one of the busiest lifeboat stations in the UK and is one of only three stations with a slipway launched Mersey class lifeboat. With the increasing number of leisure users getting into difficulty close to the shore, a D class inflatable lifeboat was placed on station in 1994.

This was replaced in 2003 with the new station D class lifeboat, D-613 *Jack Cleare*. Costing £25,000, it was donated by Mrs Cleare.

During 1992 the boathouse was adapted for the station's new Mersey class lifeboat, providing improved crew facilities. The slipway was completely rebuilt. The station's new Mersey class lifeboat was officially named *Robert Charles Brown*. Robert Charles Brown BEM was a much respected lifeboatman at Swanage for over 50 years. The lifeboat cost £650,000.

Ten Gallantry Medals have been awarded, five Silver and five Bronze, the last in 1996 to Coxswain Christopher Haw. When five crew from the yacht *Be Happy* were rescued in winds gusting to hurricane force. The Maud Smith Award for the most outstanding act of lifesaving during 1996 was also awarded to Coxswain Christopher Haw for this service.



Our lifeboats

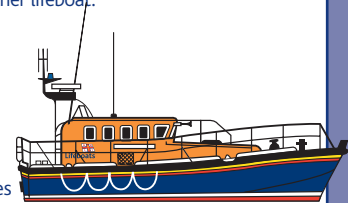
Robert Charles Brown ON-1182 (12-23)

Mersey class lifeboat

The Mersey class all weather lifeboat has protected propellers and is relatively lightweight, which make it suitable for carriage launching, although it is capable of operating from slipways and may also lie afloat at berths. 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: 12m
Speed: 16 knots
Range: 140 nautical miles
Launch method: Slipway
Crew: 6
Introduced: 1988
Cost to replace: £1.2M–£2M



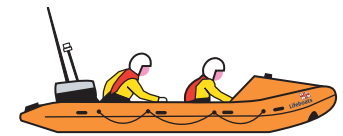
Jack Cleare D-613

D class lifeboat (IB1)

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



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.