



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.

KEY TO STATIONS

- EXPLORE
- DISCOVER
- OBSERVE
- MUSEUM
- RNLI LIFEGUARDS



Come visit us
Explore Looe Lifeboat Station



Nicholas Leach



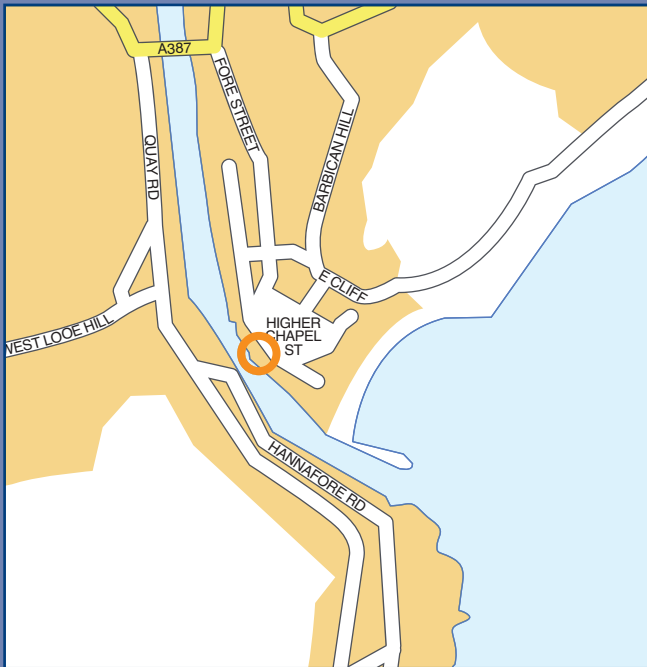
Train one, **save many**

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Where to find us



Our history

A station was established at Looe in 1866 following the loss of several lives when local boatmen went to the assistance of a fishing vessel. Three lifeboats were to serve at the station before it was eventually closed in 1930.

In 1992 the station was reopened and a D class lifeboat placed on service. In 1998 the lifeboat was moved to the lifeboat house at Middleton's Corner on East Looe Quay.

In 2002 an Atlantic 75 inshore lifeboat was also co-located at Looe and a new lifeboat station was built on the site of the old Albatross warehouse adjacent to the original lifeboat station. As well as housing the two lifeboats, the building provides crew facilities and has a purpose-built RNLI shop. The first floor of the building provides a training room, office facilities and an observation point from which the safety of the lifeboats can be monitored.

One Gallantry Medal has been awarded, a Silver medal, in 1838, for a rescue made by a Coastguard before the station was established.

Our lifeboats

Alan & Margaret B-793

B class lifeboat - Atlantic 75

First developed at Atlantic College in Wales and then by the RNLI, the Atlantic (B class) lifeboats are rigid inflatables with twin outboard motors and can operate in conditions up to near gale force 7. They provide a rapid response to inshore emergencies. If the boat capsizes, a crew member activates a gas bottle to inflate the righting bag and the lifeboat turns upright in a few seconds.

Specification

Length:	7.3m
Speed:	32 knots
Endurance:	3 hours at maximum speed
Launch method:	Trolley, floating boathouse or davit
Crew:	3
Introduced:	1993
Cost to replace:	£125,000



Regina Mary D-574

D class lifeboat

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:	20 knots
Endurance:	3 hours at maximum speed
Launch method:	Trolley
Crew:	2/3
Introduced:	1963
Cost to replace:	£29,000



Looe East Looe Seafront

EXPLORE STATION

Open: Generally 10am–5pm daily
Volunteer guides available to show visitors around

Directions: Use public car parks and walk along quayside or through town on east side of river until you reach the boathouse, which is situated just off the seafront

Contact: David Haines

Tel: 07770 267155

Shop open: 11am–4pm

Shop tel: 01503 265155



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.

