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Two Swiss visitors trapped with car on Holy Island Causeway by rising tide

Lifeboats News Release

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At 4.44pm on Sunday 10 April 2016, Humber Coastguard requested the launch of Seahouses inshore lifeboat to go to the assistance of two Swiss visitors in a car which had become surrounded by the rising tide on Holy Island Causeway.

The Coastguard were experiencing some language problems while in contact with them.

The inshore lifeboat *RNLB Peter Downes* was quickly launched, and proceeded by sea to the causeway. On arrival, the car was partially submerged and the two occupants had made their way to the refuge box on the causeway bridge.

They were rescued by the inshore lifeboat and brought to the mainland side of the causeway, where they were met by local Police and other members of their party, all visiting from Switzerland.

Local Coastguards from Holy Island had also responded and were in attendance on the Island side of the Causeway.

The group made a generous donation to the RNLI, and thanked them for their prompt response.

Lifeboat Operations Manager Ian Clayton commented: 'Calls to the Causeway have reduced considerably lately, which is good news. However here were some Swiss nationals, with some language problems, and possibly no experience of the sea or tides.

'We hope their experience has not affected their visit to our area too much, and that their personal effects in their roof box on their car were not too badly affected by the rising tide, which was very high today. We never expect a donation from those we rescue, but were delighted that they chose to do so today.'

The police were making recovery arrangements for the vehicle when the tide receded, and the inshore lifeboat was returned to station by road due to choppy sea conditions.

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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 238 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and more than 240 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK and Channel Islands. 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 142,700 lives.

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