

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

## Longhope Gloucester raises £250 for RNLI Longhope Orkney

Lifeboats News Release

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**From tragedy a special warm-hearted bond was formed with our twin village.**



RNLI/Mary Harris

Angela Carswell presents donation from Longhope Gloucestershire to RNLI Longhope lifeboat crew.

The connection between Longhope in Gloucestershire and Longhope in Orkney still remains strong after all these years. The bond was created at the time of the lifeboat disaster in 1969 when all the Longhope lifeboat crew from the *TGB* were lost in heavy seas while responding to a distress call from *SS Irene* of Iberia.

It was due to a national appeal fund, for the families affected by the tragedy, that inspired the folk of Longhope Gloucester to come together to raise money and parcel up toys and clothes for the children.

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This week we were delighted to welcome Angela Carron and her son Stewart who had made the 700 mile journey from Gloucestershire to present the crew of Longhope lifeboat with a cheque for £250.00. This generous donation was raised from a Bring and Buy sale and from the lifeboat collection box kept in their village church.

In 2012 we also had a visit from Sue, Angela, Ceri and George from the village. The determined girls had completed a gruelling sponsored cycle ride from Longhope to Longhope and we will always be grateful for their brilliant effort and to those who supported them.

RNLI Longhope would like to thank Angela and Stewart and all the kind folk from Longhope Gloucestershire and we hope the bond will continue into the future and we always look forward to meeting more folk from our twin village.

## 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.

## Learn more about the RNLI

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