



Inshore Lifeboat, at 12.43pm on 16 February 2019

Swanage's D Class inshore lifeboat was tasked this afternoon, along with the Coastguard volunteers from Swanage and St Albans Head and the Coastguard Helicopter, to assist in the recovery of an injured climber.

The climber was reported to have fallen and was thought to be around 400m West of Anvil Point. The inshore lifeboat was asked to locate the casualty and make an initial assessment of their condition before the helicopter arrived on scene.

The lifeboat launched and quickly located the casualty. A crew member was put ashore, but they were unable to reach the casualty who was on a ledge slightly above sea level. They were able to communicate with the casualty though and information about their condition was passed to the helicopter. Once the helicopter was on scene the lifeboat was able to provide a communications link between the helicopter and the shore. The casualty was assessed by the helicopter's paramedic, loaded in to the helicopter's stretcher, winched up and flown to hospital.

All units were then released to return to station. We wish the casualty a speedy recovery.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have not yet responded to any incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 1 incident.

The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 3 incidents.

This gives a total of 4 incidents, so far, this year

