



All-Weather Lifeboat, at 2.08pm on 16 March 2020

Reports coming in to the UK Coastguard informed them of a kayaker who had become separated from their boat 200m off the slipway in Kimmeridge Bay. The informant thought the kayaker was likely to be swept offshore, so the UK Coastguard requested the Swanage all-weather lifeboat (ALB) to launch, locate and assist the casualty.

A few minutes later the volunteer crew launched and plotted a route through to Kimmeridge, a passage that would take around 16 minutes in the fine conditions.

As the lifeboat approached St Albans Head, with the Coxswain and Crew discuss the likelihood of needing the inshore lifeboat, the UK Coastguard reported that the casualty had been able to self-rescue and was back on land.

The St Albans volunteer coastguard team were due to arrive soon to check the casualty, but the lifeboat was released to return to Swanage for a washdown.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to two incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to two incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has launched to two other services as well.

This gives a total of 6 incidents responded to, so far, this year

