



## All-Weather Lifeboat, at 12.36pm on 14 April 2020

The volunteer crew of Swanage Lifeboat launched to a fishing vessel that was left helpless and drifting after getting tangled in gear 3.5nm northeast of Old Harry.

The volunteers gathered in the boatpark, to maintain social distancing, and the boat launched minutes after arriving.

The fishing vessel was quickly found. The two crew on board were happy to secure a tow and a line was passed to them. A tow towards Poole Harbour commenced and it was immediately apparent that the gear tangled with the fishing vessel was creating significant drag and made it difficult to control. Slow progress was made, in the end it took two and a half hours to arrive at Poole Quay. Poole Harbour Control found a space for the boat and at around 2.40pm the vessel was secured, with help from Poole Coastguard volunteers.

The lifeboat was then able to return to Swanage to be thoroughly washed down and made ready for further service.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 3 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 3 incidents.

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

This gives a total of 8 incidents responded to, so far, this year

