



## Both Lifeboats, on 14 April 2021

**Two separate incidents kept the Swanage lifeboats busy on Wednesday.**

The chain ferry at Studland had suffered mechanical failure whilst in transit and in an effort to evacuate foot passengers a local dive boat had come alongside the ferry but found itself stuck in 3 knots of ebb tide. This potentially dangerous situation caused the UK coastguard to call both Poole and Swanage lifeboats, along with Police and Harbourmaster craft. Poole lifeboat placed a crewmember on board, who was able to connect a towline from Swanage lifeboat. The casualty vessel was slowly towed clear and then continued under its own power.

The lifeboat returned to Swanage and was waiting for enough water to rehouse when it, along with the inshore lifeboat (ILB), were tasked to help evacuate an injured walker from Broadbench at the western end of Kimmeridge Bay. Volunteer coastguards, ambulance paramedics and a coastguard helicopter were all tasked to the remote location and agreed the safest extraction was by ILB to Kimmeridge slipway and then by ambulance to hospital. When the casualty had been extracted and all personnel were back in the correct vehicles both Swanage lifeboats returned to the boathouse for re-fuelling and washing down.



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

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 6 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has also launched on one other service.

This gives a total of 9 incidents responded to, so far, this year

