



Both Lifeboats, at 9.41pm on 12 May 2019

Both Swanage Lifeboats were requested to launch on the evening of Sunday 12 May to assist in the recovery of a climber stuck at the base of the cliff 500m West of Anvil Point.

The volunteers from Swanage and St Albans Head Coastguard cliff rescue teams were already on scene but had requested lifeboat support to illuminate the scene and discuss extraction. The lifeboats were quickly on scene and the casualty located at the base of the cliff. A crew member from the inshore lifeboat was put ashore to assess the casualty's condition and discuss the easiest method of extraction. The casualty was found to be uninjured and happy to be recovered by sea. He was fitted with a lifejacket, transferred to the inshore lifeboat then to the all-weather lifeboat for the trip back to Swanage. Once back in Swanage he was given a cup of tea to warm up while he waited for Swanage Coastguard to reunite him with his climbing partner.

The lifeboats were washed down and made ready for service with the crew returning home soon after 11pm.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 5 incidents together.

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

The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 6 incidents.

This gives a total of 17 incidents, so far, this year

