



All Weather Lifeboat, at 6.37pm on 22 June 2020

A 999 call from a member of the public sparked a major search for a missing swimmer yesterday evening. The UK Coastguard tasked volunteer Coastguard teams, two helicopters and both lifeboats from Weymouth to intensively search an area around Durdle Door.

Initially the Weymouth Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) was not available as it was already involved in a separate incident, so the UK Coastguard requested the Swanage Shannon class lifeboat proceed to the area to assist in the search. The volunteer crew launched and headed at best speed towards Lulworth in choppy conditions.

As the lifeboat approached St Albans Head the Weymouth ILB became free from the other incident and was able to join the search.

With the requested search assets now available and on scene Swanage lifeboat was able to return to station and remain ready for any further service requirements.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 4 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 7 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has additionally launched to 9 other services.

This gives a total of 20 incidents responded to, so far, this year

