



Both Lifeboats, at 4.35pm on 6 July 2019

Winspit quarry, to the west of Dancing Ledge, can be a difficult place to evacuate a casualty from and it was this scenario that resulted in the launch of both Swanage lifeboats this afternoon. A person with a leg injury was being attended to by Swanage and St Albans coastguard teams. A helicopter had been requested, but was not immediately available, so the next option was to move the casualty by boat.

Both lifeboats arrived at the scene in fine sea conditions. The inshore lifeboat placed 3 crew ashore along with pain relieving gas in case it was required.

Shortly afterwards, coastguard rescue helicopter 187 announced that they could be at the scene within ten minutes so the decision was made to airlift the casualty directly to hospital.

While preparations were being made for the lift the all-weather lifeboat was released to return to base. The inshore lifeboat remained on the scene for a short time before also returning to Swanage, both boats being available for further service at 6.15pm



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 9 incidents together. The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has launched to 13 further incidents. The D class inshore lifeboat has also responded to 8 incidents. This gives a total of 30 incidents, so far, this year

