



Both Lifeboats, at 11.15am on 29 August 2020

An injury sustained while coasteering at Dancing Ledge caused the volunteers from St Albans coastguard and the Swanage lifeboat to be called into action today.

Both Swanage lifeboats were launched to the scene and arrived at the same time as the coastguards. The casualty, who had sustained an injury while swimming, was on a sea-level ledge just west of Dancing Ledge and a crewmember from the inshore lifeboat was put ashore to help with initial assessment and care. The inshore lifeboat got more equipment from the all-weather lifeboat, including pain-relieving gas as the casualty was in considerable pain.

An extraction by sea was deemed the safest and simplest option, so the casualty and another member of the party were taken via inshore lifeboat to the all-weather lifeboat and a steady trip back to Swanage began. When in Swanage the casualty was placed into the care of Dorset ambulance paramedics and taken to Poole.

The lifeboats were then able to re-house to be made ready to respond to the next incident.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 12 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 20 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has additionally launched to 14 other services.

This gives a total of 46 incidents responded to, so far, this year

