



Inshore Lifeboat, at 9.18am on October 17 2020

Swanage's D Class inshore lifeboat (ILB) was requested to launch this morning following reports of a person in the water close to Old Harry Rocks.

The ILB launched and headed to the scene along with Swanage and St Albans Coastguard, the Coastguard Rescue Helicopter and Dorset Police. The ILB was quickly on scene and was directed towards the casualty by Coastguards on the cliff top. The casualty was recovered to the shore to be assessed whilst the ILB returned out to sea to collect the winchman paramedic from the helicopter.

Sadly, the paramedic declared the casualty as deceased, so the casualty was taken aboard the ILB, taken back to the lifeboat station and handed over to officers from Dorset Police. Our thoughts are with the casualty's family and friends.



This year, Swanage's lifeboats have responded to 15 incidents together.

The Shannon class all-weather lifeboat has also launched to 26 incidents.

The D class inshore lifeboat has additionally launched to 17 other services.

This gives a total of 58 incidents responded to, so far, this year

