

The RNLI provides a 24-hour search and rescue service around the UK and Ireland up to 100 nautical miles offshore. It has 238 operational lifeboat stations, 458 lifeboats (including relief fleet) and employs 1500 lifeguards covering 240 beaches around the coastline with 389 lives were saved in 2022.

On Monday (4 March 2024) the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) celebrated 200 years of saving lives at sea, thanks to volunteers giving their time to save others, funded by public donations.

For more information on bicentenary events and National statistics please visit the RNLI website:

[www.rnli.org](http://www.rnli.org)

In February 2023 the Walberswick Branch held a Quiz and Auction which was a massive success raising over £2000 creating a fun filled evening in the VH for many! Thank you to our volunteer team, committee, superb quiz master, and our fabulous village for coming out to support us again.

The kind donations from the carols around the tree raised a brilliant £183.63 and a massive thanks to Hannah and her team for organising this!

The kind donation of the mulled wine on the Christmas morning 2023 swim from Peter and Liz Wagstaff raised and astonishing £473.40. A massive thanks to the donation bucket collectors and card machine donors. Great effort!

With these events, generous donations from our village and some canny eBay selling, our Fundraising total for 2023 was an astonishing £3415.80!

I would like to say a massive thank you to Walberswick Common Lands Charity for donating the collection from the easter egg hunt totalling £261.46 helping us get an even better start to the year "Saving lives at sea" while we have fun and eat chocolate!

In October 2024 we are hoping to hold a Halloween event in the village hall so keep your pumpkins carved and eyes peeled!

The support from our village is outstanding and hugely appreciated by the Walberswick RNLI Fundraising Team. If you would like to donate directly to our branch, please do so by sending the donation to:

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Reference: 618554

This is a direct way to donate to our branch through the RNLI banking system.

**(PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU USE THE REFERENCE NUMBER!)**

As at March 2024 the committee comprises: Jon Winyard (Chairperson), Karen Lewis (Honorary Treasurer), Hannah & Lee Sutton.

We would welcome new members who feel they can give some time and energy to our future fundraising events and any of the committee would be happy to discuss what's involved in more detail if you are interested. We are specifically looking for a minutes secretary if you are interested in this or anything else – please do get in touch.