

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. In 2020 lifeboats were launched 8,239 times, aided 8,374 people of which 239 lives were saved.

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

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

It was with great sadness that our committee lost Robin Buncombe who served the Walberswick branch of the RNLI for over 40 years.

His helpful steering and tenacity helped us sustain and keep the branch running since it was reinvigorated in 2016 and he will be greatly missed!

The Walberswick fundraising branch in 2021 saw the much-enjoyed Mayday Treasure Hunt which raised after costs £1458.72 bringing our end of year total in 2021 to a fab £2828.43.

**A massive thank you to Peter for drawing the map for us it was much loved!**

In 2022 we plan to run another online auction in conjunction with Dawsons Auctioneers so watch this space.

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 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 2022 the committee comprises: Jon Winyard (Chairperson), Karen Lewis (Honorary Treasurer), Hannah & Lee Sutton, Chris Hosea.

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.