

**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.**

I am often asked where the money goes and how much do things cost.

Sadly, I cannot give you the cost of a call out as it is priceless and conducted by volunteers, however I can give you a few percentiles of where your pound goes.

**For every £1/€1 donated, 81% (81p/81c) is used to fund our lifesaving activities.** The remaining 19% (19p/19c) is used to generate funds so that we can continue to save lives at sea for years to come.

It cost **£191M/€221M** to run our lifesaving service in 2023. These running costs were divided up into the following areas:

Lifeboats, property, and equipment	56%
Running the lifeboat service	27%
Lifeguard rescue	12%
Safety, education, and awareness	3%
International drowning prevention	2%

# MONEY IN 2023



Repair, renew, rebuild - our capital expenditure.

In 2023, we switched to a 100% renewable electricity supply. Our renewable energy installations saved us £14,000 and generated an income of £36,000.

2024 for our branch was a slightly quieter year with a couple of events.

We joined up with the Southwold Fundraising Committee for their Lifeboat Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August who with Southwold lifeboat gave us an exciting display on the Walberswick side of the river with flares and smoke.

They also had a serious chat with some teenagers about drifting off out to sea on an inflatable who they nearly rescued but we still collected £51.12.

“The Little Wooden Hut” was very generous donating half of the profits from the “I caught crabs at Walberswick” t-shirts adding £111 for the RNLI and a big thank you to Emma Webb.

The Super Plant sale organised by Paul Bradley, Suzie Godfrey, and many others in October, raised an amazing £710 so a big thank you to them and their team.

We then had our Walberswick RNLI Halloween Fun Bingo where there were prizes for best costume and a bottle raffle. Our legendary Bingo caller was superb and gave us more than a few laughs.

It was a fun day which raised £390.97 which we aim repeat next year.

Then with the kind donation of the mulled wine on the Christmas morning swim from Pete and Liz, Nicky and Ollie raised an astonishing £751.75 in donations, smashing the previous total by £278! Certainly, easing the Christmas eve hangovers temporarily. I managed to get a Christmas off work to help them out this year which was an absolute joy and lovely way to wish the community a Happy Christmas!

A massive thank you to you all. Heroic effort!

With some more generous donations and superb eBay selling from our Treasurer our total for 2024 was a superb £2635.07

Slightly less than last year but the fundraising was fun.

Another Christmas item with a massive thank you to Pat Lancaster for kindly including us as her “Don’t send a Christmas card..... Donate!” initiative. This added an astonishing £175 to kick start our 2025!

Sadly (but good for us) The “Walberswick Bonfire Committee” who have been unable to resurrect the Bonfire event, and as was agreed with the founding parties have donated their remaining balance of £787.81 to the Walberswick RNLI.

The Easter Egg Hunt raised £210 of which £63 was reinvested for next year and £147 donated to the RNLI. A massive thank you to the Easter Bunny and his team!

The support from our village is outstanding and hugely appreciated by the Walberswick RNLI Fundraising Team.

I will leave the details of how to donate directly to the Walberswick Branch at the bottom of my report which is posted online on the village website.

**As at March 2025 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 minute’s secretary if you are interested in this or anything else – please do get in touch.**

**Thank you!**

**If you would like to donate directly to our branch, please do by sending the donation to:**

**20-68-95**

**93032671**

**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!)**