

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)

The Walberswick fundraising branch in 2022 held no major events as sadly we were unable to hold our previously successful online auction. 2022 however was by no means a failure as the branch managed to raise an astonishing £2344.09!

The kind donation of the mulled wine on the Christmas morning swim from Hugh and Sue Smiley raised an astonishing £631.84. A massive thanks to the bucket collectors, card machine donors, plus Hugh and Sue who are retiring this year from donating and serving the mulled wine on Christmas day. Great effort!

Moving into February 2023 we 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.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Walberswick Common Lands Charity for donating any excess from the easter egg hunt plus an extra £150 totalling £215 helping us get and even better start to the year "Saving lives at sea" while we have fun and eat chocolate!

Keep your eyes peeled for future events!

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.

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.