

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

Mourning family visit Berwick-upon-Tweed Lifeboat Station

Lifeboats News Release

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The family of the late John Thomson, his twin brother Lee and cousin Sarah visit Berwick lifeboat station.



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Donation from family of John Thomson

The family came to say thank you to the crew who attended a shout on 11 January to assist the UK Coastguard, Northumbria Police and Ambulance Service in the search for a missing person.

Sarah said: 'We can't thank the emergency services enough for retrieving John's body for us, I hate to think what it would be like had he not been found.'

John's twin brother said: 'I also thank all the emergency services, especially the RNLI crew who give their time free as volunteers.'

The family then presented the crew with £283.00 which was from the collection at John's funeral for Berwick lifeboat station to go towards buying equipment to help save lives at sea.

Helmsman John Campbell, who was part of the rescue said: 'On behalf of the station we thank you for your generous donation and we give you our condolences to you and the rest of the family.'

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Key facts about the RNLI

The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 238 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and more than 240 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK and Channel Islands. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824, its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 142,700 lives.

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