

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

## Barmouth RNLI “Come visit us day” proves popular

Lifeboats News Release

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**Sunday 30 July saw the popular “Come Visit Us Day” take place at Barmouth RNLI which allowed members of the public to see how their donations are used.**



RNLI/Jamie Tyrrell

Stormy Stan helps answer questions about the All Weather Lifeboat

Organised by Lifeboat Visits Officers Wendy Cleaver and Eve Williams, the event saw a steady flow of visitors to the station who all wanted to find out about the work of the RNLI. The all-weather lifeboat proved to be a popular attraction with over 400 people passing through her during the day.

Visitors also got to view the inshore lifeboat, find out about the “Respect The Water” campaign, see the equipment used, and

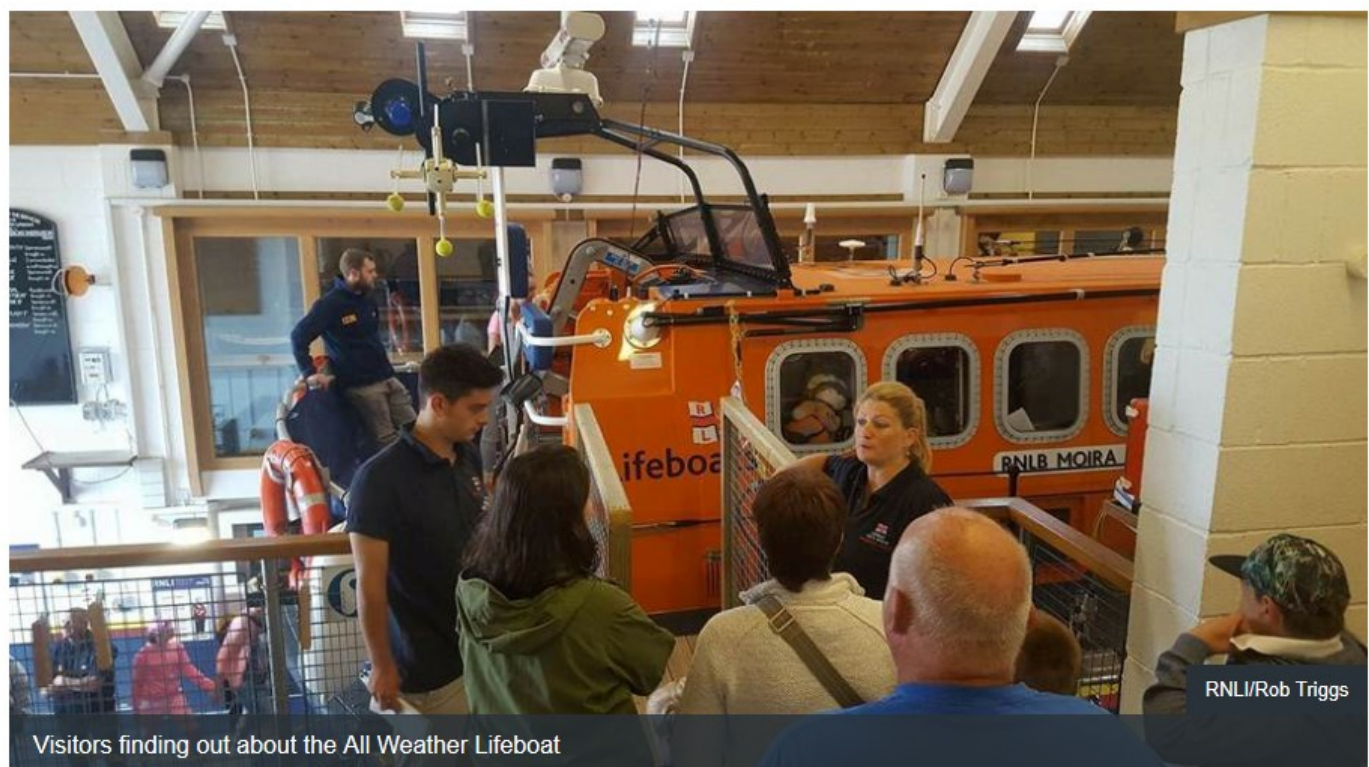
even try on some examples of the kit used. Members of the volunteer crew were on hand to any questions people had. The station fundraisers were also kept busy selling cakes and drinks throughout the day.

This year's event also saw us joined by Andy Benfield and Steve Gregory from Chasewater Model Boat Club. Among their display of radio control boats were a replica of Barmouth's all-weather lifeboat *Moira Barrie* which proved to be popular with visitors as they made their way to view the full size version.

While not planned as a fundraising event, donations taken on the day came to over £1,777 between generous donations from the public and takings in the RNLI shop. This will assist Barmouth RNLI and its volunteer crew to continue saving lives at sea.

#### Notes to editors:

For more information please telephone Jamie Tyrrell, Deputy Lifeboat Press Officer on 07716 224045







Steve Gregory/Chasewater Model Boat Club

Chasewater Model Boat Club display.



Steve Gregory/Chasewater Model Boat Club

Radio Control Mersey Class Lifeboat next to the full size version.

## Key facts about the RNLI

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is the charity that saves lives at sea. Our volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service in the United Kingdom and Ireland from 238 lifeboat stations, including four along the River Thames and inland lifeboat stations at Loch Ness, Lough Derg, Enniskillen and Lough Ree. Additionally the RNLI has more than 1,000 lifeguards on over 240 beaches around the UK and operates a specialist flood rescue team, which can respond anywhere across the UK and Ireland when inland flooding puts lives at risk.

The RNLI relies on public donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. As a charity it is separate from, but works alongside, government-controlled and funded coastguard services. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 our lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved at least 140,000 lives. Volunteers make up 95% of the charity, including 4,600 volunteer lifeboat crew members and 3,000 volunteer shore crew. Additionally, tens of thousands of other dedicated volunteers raise funds and

awareness, give safety advice, and help in our museums, shops and offices.

## Learn more about the RNLI

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## Contacting the RNLI - public enquiries

Members of the public may contact the RNLI on 0300 300 9990 or by [email](#).

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