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## **Falmouth volunteer lifeboat crew involved in a long search for persons missing in the river.**

**At 7.09 this morning, after being silent for some time, the Falmouth volunteer RNLI lifeboat crew pagers alerted them to the fact that two people had been reported missing, in the river, near Tesco's in Truro.**

The inshore lifeboat was launched at approximately 7.20 and by 7.35 they were at the head of the river and on scene. They immediately commenced a shoreline search from the top of the river down towards the floodgate. Nothing was found. They headed back up the river continuing the search when they heard that one of the two had been found and had been taken to hospital.

The lifeboat and its crew continued the search for another two and a half hours, but again, nothing was found of the second missing person.

As the tide was dropping rapidly the lifeboat was stood down in time for it to have sufficient water to enable it to get back to the station. The search was continued by the coastguard, police, a rescue helicopter and the fire and rescue service.

After washing down and refuelling the inshore lifeboat was declared ready for service again by 10.30 am.

### **Notes to editors**

- The crew out on this mission were; Elliot Holman (Helmsman): Tom Bird and Jake Ingleby.

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