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Two persons rescued from a rising tide by the Falmouth RNLI inshore lifeboat.

At 12:34pm, resulting from a 999 call to the coastguard, Falmouth's volunteer RNLI lifeboat crew were tasked to go to the aid of two people cut off by the tide at the entrance to the Helford River.

The inshore lifeboat was launched from the slipway at 12:38pm and made its way at high speed across Falmouth Bay, arriving at the Helford at 12:50pm. There they quickly located the two people on the rocks at Grebe Beach. They were taken onboard the lifeboat and safely landed ashore at Porth Saxon, just a short distance away, at 12:55.

The couple had been exploring the coastline and had become cut off by the tide and as they could not climb the rocks to safety decided to call for help. They were very thankful for the assistance that they were given.

The lifeboat was then released and returned to its slipway, arriving at 13:14 and after a wash down and refuel was ready for service again by 13:25pm.

Notes to editors

- The inshore lifeboat crew comprised Elliot Holman (helmsman); Tom Bird and Adam West.

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