

FELIXSTOWE COAST PATROL

GRANT REPORT FOR FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

28/03/2022

2021 was our 25th year of service , and as always, a busy year. We managed 63 days of patrols with each day being about 8 hours on the water.

Our volunteers gave 1512 hours of their time to run the patrols and about the same amount of hours devoted to training, and giving sea safety advice.

During the season we were involved with 121 incidents involving 220 persons, with 4 lives saved of which 2 needed hospital treatment. We also towed in 14 leisure craft , mainly with engine issues. We advised many (21) jet skis and personal watercraft about the need to stay offshore and away from swimmers especially in the area between Cobbolds point and the pier.

In 2021 we also supported the Felixstowe triathlon , helping to lay the race marks and by being the safety boat during the swim. We also supported the St Elizabeth Hospice Christmas day dip, which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions, we will be there for the rescheduled dip on Easter Sunday again supplying the safety boat as well as shore side safety.

At the end of the 2021 season our chairman and founder John Cresswell stood down and we have now elected a new chairman Jonathan (Johnno) Brett and our looking forward to pushing the service forward.

In the coming year we are refocusing on patrolling the seafront more, as well as reaching out to local schools with the sea safety message as well as supporting as many local events as possible.

Jonathan Brett Chairman and Senior coxswain.