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Sheringham Lifeboats

Private Lifeboats

Sheringham has had a lifeboat since before 1830, the first being the Upcher fishing boat. In 1838 the Augusta private purpose-built lifeboat was launched and was in service until 1894. She was replaced by the Henry Ramey Upcher which was in service until 1935. These private lifeboats were financed by the Upcher family of Sheringham Hall.

Former RNLI Lifeboats

The first RNLI lifeboat, the Duncan, was launched in 1867 and RNLI lifeboats served alongside the private lifeboats until 1935.

The JC Madge was in service from 1904 to 1936, followed by the Forester's Centenary from 1936 until 1961. The Manchester Unity (1961-1990) was the last offshore lifeboat in Sheringham.

The first B-Class Atlantic inshore lifeboat was the Atlantic 21, the first rigid inflatable lifeboat (RIB) to join the RNLI fleet. It served from 1972 until 1993. It was replaced by the Atlantic 75 which was in service from 1993 until 2008.

Today's RNLI Lifeboat - The Oddfellows

The current generation of B-Class inshore lifeboat is the Atlantic 85 RIB. Today, The Oddfellows B-Class Atlantic inshore lifeboat is one of the fastest in the RNLI fleet.

Sheringham's Lifeboat Trail



Sheringham is unique in having six of its lifeboats on view to the public: five in two museums as well as the currently active RNLI lifeboat.

This leaflet provides an introduction to these vessels and a guide to the visitor to go and see them for themselves!

RNLI Lifeboat Station

The lifeboat station situated at the far west end of the promenade has housed The Oddfellows, a B-Class Atlantic 85, since 2007.

This is launched by a Talus MB-4H Mk2 launch and recovery vehicle which is referred to as a 'Bendy'. The station is open daily from Easter to October and is free to visit, with a small shop where you can purchase souvenirs from.



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Fishermen's Lifeboat Museum

The Fishermen's Lifeboat Museum is the home of the Henry Ramey Upcher, Sheringham's last private lifeboat built in 1894 and in service until 1935, still housed in the original boat shed from where she was launched.

The Museum is dedicated to the history of the lifeboats financed by the Upcher family of Sheringham Hall to be manned by the fishermen of what was originally Lower Sheringham.

The Museum includes a wealth of information on the earlier lifeboat, the Augusta, built in 1838.



Entrance to the Museum from West Slope
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Sheringham Museum



A place for people and boats.

Walk amongst our fleet of four lifeboats and local fishing boats. Discover the story of the fishing village becoming a seaside town after the coming of the railway in 1887. See the artworks by John Craske, Tom Armes, Olive Edis and current artists Mick Bensley and Brian Lewis.

Learn about modern technology in the Windfarm Visitor Centre and see a 360 degree view of the town from the tower.

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