



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

FUN AND FUNDRAISING FOR LIFEBOAT

Island High Sheriff James Attrill DL, Sandown Town Mayor Paddy Lightfoot joined the crew and fundraisers from Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat, to launch the first Christmas Fayre to raise funds for the Independent Lifeboat.

Members of the Lifeboat Crew, Richard Burns, Darren Sands and Stephen Woodhams, all received surprise awards and medals recognising their long service as members of the voluntary crew, and Mary Birch received a honorary lifetime award and bouquet of flowers in recognition of her support of the Lifeboat for over 25 years.

High Sheriff James Attrill DL said 'It was heartening to see the level of community support for this vital voluntary service, and the dedication of the crew deserves recognition'.

Sandown Mayor Paddy Lightfoot added 'Richard Burns and his team of organisers have put on a fun event to start the Christmas festivities, and the Town Council are proud to be able to support the work of the Independent Lifeboat Service'.

The Town Council have commissioned services as part of the Blue Flag winning Beach Safety Project, and are developing the relationship for 2022 and the following years.

Lifeboat Coxswain Mark Birch concluded 'It was really good to see the event well supported and covid safe, and we are grateful to our team of volunteers for their continued support of the crew - and it was a privilege ensuring the dedication of crew members was recognised by the community they serve'.

