

ARUN WEST MARCH MONTHLY TALK
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Caroline outlined the history of the RNLI from its inception in 1824 – mostly volunteers prepared to risk their lives to help others in trouble in the sea.

Caroline explained their various roles:

RNLI = Lifeboat Crews - Lifeguards - Flood Rescue - International Aid/Water Safety Advice

It is the largest charity in the United Kingdom.

We were told that over 142,700 lives had been saved since 1824. However, they are much more than just a rescue service. The RNLI College in Poole is the home of all training, where willing lifeboat volunteers from across the UK and Ireland are trained to become able crew members. It is also an hotel, conference centre, wedding venue and event venue like no other.

The afternoon was full of fun, filled with heroic stories of our courageous men and women yet never far from the seriousness and danger to all our brave RNLI members.



Interesting information, taken from their webpage. This year 2022 Statistics from the RNLI:

8,000 SHOUTS expected – 238 Stations need crew kit – 5600 crew relying on training

Littlehampton's Modern RNLI was established in 1967 and is located on the east side of the River Arun.