

“Without the use of the lifeboat house, the rescue services which operates from it would not be able to continue... it needs to remain weatherproof to ensure that the boat and equipment do not sustain damage.”

Christine Scaife
Honorary Secretary

Runswick Bay Rescue Boat Association

Project:

Improvements to Runswick Bay
Rescue Boat lifeboat house

Subject:

Facilities and building improvements

Location:

Runswick, Redcar and Cleveland

Overview:

The small lifeboat house is a community building which is used by the Runswick Bay Rescue Boat Association, and is a very distinctive feature of the village.

The Runswick Bay Rescue Boat (RBRB) was formed in 1982 after the main RNLI station moved further up the coast to Staithes and has survived entirely dependent upon volunteers and fundraising ever since. RBRB is an independent inshore rescue boat facility which works in close cooperation with the RNLI and HM Coastguard with a primary remit to ‘nip in the bud’ incidents that are visible from the village and to access difficult locations along the shoreline where larger boats would struggle.

The boat house was in need of restoration and painting to continue to be used to house the rescue boat, which provides a vital service to the community and visitors.

£2,500 was awarded to the association to be spent on the repair and repaint of the lifeboat house to ensure its future – both as a working lifeboat house, and an asset to the organisation and the community.

