

## PRESS RELEASE

**FROM: Fiona Bruce MP for Congleton Constituency**

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**MP supports RNLI Christmas Fair in Holmes Chapel**



South Cheshire Branch of RNLI held a Christmas Fair at St Luke's Church Hall, Holmes Chapel on the 6<sup>th</sup> November.

The event was organised by Phil Lundberg who said *'we are delighted with support for today's event and are always looking for extra offers of help for the South Cheshire Branch. People can contact me on 01477 534178 to see how they can become involved'*.

Fiona Bruce MP said:

*'Even though the Congleton Constituency has not a bit of coastline, this is the third well supported event I have attended organised by the local RNLI support groups. It is a testimony to the big hearted generosity and kindness of so many people that our local RNLI is flourishing'*.

Fiona added:

*'I particularly admire the RNLI because as a result of the dedication of their volunteers, like the ones I met in Holmes Chapel, a very high proportion of the RNLI's money is spent on first class lifeboats and equipment – not on administrative costs'*.

### NOTES TO EDITOR

The RNLI is largely a volunteer organisation and its purpose is 'to save lives at sea'. It provides, on call, a 24 hour lifeboat search and rescue service to 100 nautical miles out from the coast of the UK and launches an average of 22 lifeboats a day with an average of 21 people a day rescued.

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