

## Charity Paranormal Investigation in aid of the RNLI

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is the charity that saves 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. It also provides a seasonal lifeguard service on beaches in the east, south and south west of England and south Wales. The RNLI is independent from Government funding and continues to rely on voluntary contributions and legacies for its income.

There are more than 230 RNLI lifeboat stations strategically placed around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. Four of these are placed along the River Thames and another four are inland water stations. The RNLI also operates over 100 lifeguard units.

The cost of the lifesaving equipment ranges from £6,000 for an inshore rescue watercraft to £2.7m for a Tamar class, new. A refit on a Severn class lifeboat costs £255,000.

To kit out a lifeboat person costs: £1048 for an all weather kit.  
 £1012 for an inshore lifeboat crew kit.  
 £ 480 for a lifeguard kit.

As the RNLI is largely a volunteer organisation, many thousands of people give their time, skill and commitment so that the RNLI can achieve its purpose of saving lives at sea. It is because of the willingness of RNLI volunteers that such high a proportion of the monies raised can be spent on first-class lifeboats and equipment and not salaries.

During 2007 the lifeboats had 8,141 launches, averaging a 22 a day, resulting in 306 lives saved and 7,834 people rescued, which averaged at 21 people per day.

The lifeguards had 8,201 incidents during 2007 resulting in 62 lives saved and 9,883 people assisted (during the summer season).

**So this is where you can help us. The Welling, Eltham and Sidcup Branch of RNLI have arranged a Charity Ghost Hunt, to be held at:**

Kelvedon Hatch Nuclear Bunker in Essex on Saturday 17th July 2010.  
 Time: 20:00pm – 04:00am

This will be run by Haunted Places Paranormal investigations.

This event is open to over 18's only.

Included in this event:

- Exclusive access to the Bunker and areas
- Ghost Walk with our Medium
- Refreshments & Snacks
- Raffle
- Demonstration and full use of ghost hunting equipment
- Vigils & Experiments
- Post-investigation discussion

You will be actively involved in the vigils and will have an experienced investigator on each vigil; you will also get to work alongside the medium periodically throughout the night.

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