

## Humberside Coastguard Search and Rescue Helicopters

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Photo: Oldham Mountain Rescue Team (14 Nov).

As the weather gets colder and the nights close in, our callout numbers begin to seasonally reduce. We have spent a lot of time this month searching for missing people, with the sea being a fairly common theme. The windsurfing board and sail found by the helicopter crew on 16 November were later identified as belonging to the missing windsurfer who was the subject of one of our most extensive searches but, at the time of writing, the windsurfer himself has still not been located.

Time delays for various reasons such as delayed reporting and travelling to a distant search scene inevitably increase the search area and reduce the likelihood of a successful outcome when the search is over the sea. As I've stated before, we can only do our best. Having said that, some of our other callouts this month have resulted in us being able to make a very positive contribution to people's welfare – which, after all, is why we are here.

Date	Times	Tasking
1 Nov 20	23:43 – 00:48	23 year old female fallen 20 – 30 ft down a cliff at Tynemouth. Crew stood down en route as casualty had been rescued by ambulance service.
14 Nov 20	15:51 – 17:55	23 year old female with broken ankle on Saddleworth Moor. Aircraft landed, casualty carried aboard by mountain rescue team and taken to Oldham hospital.
14 Nov 20	18:30 – 21:42	Search for missing 63 year old male windsurfer off Hunstanton, Norfolk. Nothing found.
15 Nov 20	06:38 – 10:40	First-light continuation of search for missing windsurfer off Hunstanton. Nothing found.
15 Nov 20	13:01 – 17:01	Continuation of search for missing windsurfer off Hunstanton. Nothing found.
16 Nov 20	08:27 – 12:49	Continuation of search for missing windsurfer off Hunstanton. Board and sail located 33 miles east of Skegness, but missing person not found.
17 Nov 20	16:20 – 16:34	Tasked while training to person in water at Newcastle. Stood down en route.
21 Nov 20	14:14 – 16:49	Tasked to search for a person wearing a rucksack seen entering the sea at Blackpool. Nothing found.
25 Nov 20	04:57 – 06:35	Coastal search for missing person at Skegness. Nothing found.

26 Nov 20	18:21 – 20:22	Tasked to assist at road accident in the centre of Skegness. Aircraft landed on the town cricket pitch; casualty, doctor and paramedic all taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.
29 Nov 20	17:25 – 19:36	Injured 74 year old crewman aboard rig support vessel 60 miles east of Kirmington. Due to deteriorating weather, the casualty was brought back to Humberside airport and handed over to an ambulance crew.