

Fairhaven to RNLI Station St Anne's.



Photo by Graham

On a glorious Spring morning in early March, 19 of us set off from Granny's Bay along the beach to the RNLI Station at St Anne's.

On arrival we were met by Chris, RNLI Visitor Volunteer (and a U3a member too!), and Tom, Coxswain of the Lifeboat.

Having divided us into two groups, Tom and Chris then took it in turns to give the history of the RNLI, the "Mexico Disaster" (when crews from Southport and St Anne's lost their lives), the kit worn by the crew and most interestingly the Lifeboat itself.

The RNLI Boat, "Barbara Anne" is 5 years old, a 'Shannon' Class boat, costing over £3.5M including the transporter. Named after a lady who made a very generous donation of £2M., it is "water-jet" propelled (ie. no propeller blades) and takes a crew of 6.

After thanking Tom and Chris for their time and very informative and interesting visit we returned along the beach for lunch in the Fairhaven pub

By Margaret Mayor (Walk Leader)