



Lifeguards

**RNLI Lifeguards 2022**  
**Hastings Borough Council**

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# Lifeguard Inductions

All seasonal lifeguards participate in an induction. This year inductions were back to normal operations and could be facilitated face-to-face. Throughout inductions, Government guidelines for COVID-19 were carried out by all. The induction training programmes consisted of the following:

- Personal safety and well-being, safeguarding, fire safety, manual handling, public interaction, prevention and engagement, core beach lifeguard skills and techniques & Incident Management.
- A three-day casualty care course, this is an advanced first aid course including oxygen therapy, defibrillator training, and basic drug administration. It is approved and endorsed by the British Paramedic Association.
- RYA Short range certificate (VHF radio operator).
- Equipment Operator training for Rescue Watercraft (RWC), All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), and Four-Wheel Drive (4WD).
- Familiarisation and training with other SAR organisations. (HM Coastguard, RNLI Lifeboats, Southeast Coast Ambulance service) and extensive local familiarisation scenarios on the beaches.
- Specified beaches have an appointed Senior Lifeguard who takes part in operational command and operational leadership training.
- In addition to the induction training, all lifeguards attended ongoing weekly training. These training sessions consist of four categories: Team Building, Casualty Care, Lifeguard Skills & Fitness Testing.
- All RNLI Lifeguard units were declared to HMCG Solent prior season starting. The Lifeguard Supervisors declared manning levels, equipment, and standard hours of operation each day. HMCG Solent can task lifeguarded beaches to respond to incidents. This report shows a full breakdown of operational statistics in sections 5 and 6.

# Service Levels 2022

Hastings Pelham and Marina Base went live on the 28th of May for the Whitsun week. Pier base was pushed back a week due to recruitment issues. Pier base went live on the 4th of June when Pelham and Marina reverted to weekend work.

Weekend operations continued until peak season, which commenced on the 09th of July. All beaches operated seven days a week until the end of peak season, which fell on the 4th of September. From then, all beaches worked weekends until the 24th of September, when the service ended for HBC.

Beach Name	Main Start	No LG's	Peak Start	No LG's	Peak Finish	Main Finish
Hastings Pelham	28/05/2022 (WHITSUN)	3	09/07/2022	3	04/09/2022	24/09/2022
Hastings Pier	<u>Proposed</u> 28/05/2022 <u>Actual</u> 04/05/2022	2	09/07/2022	2	04/09/2022	24/09/2022
Marina, St Leonards	28/05/2022 (WHITSUN)	3	09/07/2022	3	04/09/2022	24/09/2022

# Service Levels 2023

Hastings Pelham, Hasting Pier, and Marina St Leonards provisionally will go live on Saturday, 27th May 2023, this being the Whitsun weekend. All beaches will open from Saturday, 28th May, full time until Sunday, 4th June, to cover the bank holiday and associated school half-term break. From Saturday, 10th June, all beaches will work weekends up until the start of peak season, which will begin on Saturday, 8th July. From this date, they will be operating seven days a week.

Peak season will finish on Sunday, 3rd September. All beaches will then revert to weekend cover until the end of the season, Sunday, 24th September (an additional three weekends). All beaches will close for Hastings Borough Council on Sunday, 24th September 2023.

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Hastings Pier	27/05/2023 (WHITSUN)	2	08/07/2023	2	03/09/2023	24/09/2023
Marina St, Leonards	27/05/2023 (WHITSUN)	3	08/07/2023	3	03/09/2023	24/09/2023

Term	Start date	End date
Whitsun Weekend May school holiday (East Sussex)	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
Summer school holiday (East Sussex) Inset Day	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023

# Incident Reporting

## Lifeguards

**Life saved** – where, if a lifeguard had not intervened, a life would have been lost.

**Rescue** – where a lifeguard responds to a person at risk and physically returns them to shore or transfers them to another rescue craft.

**Assistance** – where a lifeguard aids a person in the sea who is at low risk but, if left, would be at risk.

**Major casualty care** – where a lifeguard formally assesses and/or treats a casualty according to the RNLI casualty care protocols.

**Minor first aid** – where a lifeguard treats a casualty due to sickness or injury who is at low or no risk but requires treatment to ensure the risk does not increase.

**Missing/found** – where a lifeguard assists in the location of children, separated from their parents/guardians, or other people who have been found or reported missing.

**Near miss** – where a person might have been injured by watercraft, powered or otherwise.

**Search** – an organised search, with other search and rescue units, for a missing person either at sea or on land; includes body recovery.

**People aided** – a combination of the above eight categories.

**Preventative action** – any action taken by a lifeguard that provides advice, guidance or direction to a person that mitigates against risk.

**Other** – anything else that does not fit into the above categories.

# Incident Data - Pelham

## Pelham

### Incidents & People Aided

	Lives Saved		Rescued		Assisted		Major First Aid		Minor First Aid		Search		Near Miss		Other		Missing/Found		Total Incidents	Total People Aided
<b>LOCATION</b>																				
2022'	0	0	2	3	1	2	2	2	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	27	29
2021'	0	0	4	4	1	1	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	16	16
2020'	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	5	14	14	0	0	2	3	1	1	1	1	24	26
2019'	0	0	2	2	1	1	4	4	10	10	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	20	26	38
2018'	0	0	0	0	3	3	4	4	31	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	46	46
2017'	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	20	20	0	0	0	0	5	8	1	1	32	35
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>190</b>

### Preventative Actions

	Face 2 Face	PA/Tannoy	Signs/Flags	Move Signs	Other	Total
<b>LOCATION</b>						
2022'	22,085	546	2,063	6,273	4,372	35,339
2021'	6,084	266	3,306	1,837	1,108	12,601
2020'	4,199	124	3,291	1,569	963	10,146
2019'	1,915	25	1,490	687	478	4,595
2018'	4,136					
2017'	661	2	160		18	841
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>39080</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>10310</b>	<b>10366</b>	<b>6939</b>	<b>63522</b>

### Beach Visitors

	Beach Users	In-water	Surf/Craft	Total
<b>LOCATION</b>				
2022	67,332	8,503	241	76,076
2021	32,260	3,215	281	35,756
2020	24,843	2,989	339	28,171
2019	18,770	1,797	262	20,829
2018				
2017	7,355	661	91	8,107
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>150560</b>	<b>17165</b>	<b>1214</b>	<b>168939</b>

# Incident Data - Pier

## Pier

Incidents & People Aided																					
LOCATION	Lives Saved		Rescued		Assisted		Major First Aid		Minor First Aid		Search		Near Miss		Other		Missing/Found		Total Incidents	Total People Aided	
2022'	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	3	3	0	0	1	2	1	2	3	3	15	18	
2021'	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	7	7	
2020'																					
2019'	1	1	0	0	4	5	1	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4		16	
2018'	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	24	
2017'	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	15	15	
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>80</b>	

Preventative Actions						
LOCATION	Face 2 Face	PA/Tannoy	Signs/Flags	Move Signs	Other	Total
2022'	13,670	354	1,752	5,217	5,826	26,819
2021'	4,069	350	3,471	1,932	1,017	10,839
2020'						
2019'	2,065	15	1,367	693	274	4,412
2018'	3,581					
2017'	579	13	141		6	739
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>23964</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>6731</b>	<b>7842</b>	<b>7123</b>	<b>42809</b>

Beach Visitors				
LOCATION	Beach Users	In-water	Surf/Craft	Total
2022	35,593	4,872	768	41,233
2021	15,055	2,027	285	17,367
2020				
2019	16,585	1,013	257	17,855
2018				
2017	5,452	643	172	6,267
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>72685</b>	<b>8555</b>	<b>1482</b>	<b>82722</b>



# Incident Data - Marina

## Marina

Incidents & People Aided																					
LOCATION	Lives Saved		Rescued		Assisted		Major First Aid		Minor First Aid		Search		Near Miss		Other		Missing/Found		Total Incidents	Total People Aided	
2022'	0	0	1	1	3	3	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	12	12	
2021'	0	0	3	3	9	9	3	3	6	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	22	22	
2020'	4	4	7	7	4	4	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	
2019'	2	3	4	5	9	10	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	26	29	
2018'	0	0	2	2	5	5	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	15	15	
2017'	0	0	1	1	6	7	0	0	18	18	0	0	1	3	2	9	0	0	28	38	
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>134</b>	

Preventative Actions						
LOCATION	Face 2 Face	PA/Tannoy	Signs/Flags	Move Signs	Other	Total
2022'	20,321	232	2,109	6,210	5,148	34020
2021'	6,717	67	2,926	1,712	957	12379
2020'	3,233	50	1,543	840	618	6284
2019'	2,377	15	1,430	769	630	5,221
2018'	5,079					
2017'	684	8	123		31	846
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>38411</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>8131</b>	<b>9531</b>	<b>7384</b>	<b>58750</b>

Beach Visitors				
LOCATION	Beach Users	In-water	Surf/Craft	Total
2022	27,798	8,386	1,661	37845
2021	16,030	2,496	415	18941
2020	7,233	1,713	221	9167
2019	7,091	1,435	282	8,808
2018				
2017	1,836	679	111	2,686
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>60048</b>	<b>14709</b>	<b>2690</b>	<b>77447</b>

# Incident Data - Accumulative

## Accumulative Statistics 2022

### Incidents & People Aided

	Lives Saved		Rescued		Assisted		Major First Aid		Minor First Aid		Search		Near Miss		Other		Missing/Found		Total Incidents	Total People Aided
<b>LOCATION</b>																				
PELHAM	0	0	2	3	1	2	2	2	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	27	29
PIER	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	3	3	0	0	1	2	1	2	3	3	15	18
MARINA	0	0	1	1	3	3	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	12	12
SEASON TOTAL	1	1	4	5	5	6	7	8	24	24	0	0	1	2	1	2	11	11	54	59

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<b>LOCATION</b>						
PELHAM	22,085	546	2,063	6,273	4,372	35339
PIER	13,670	354	1,752	5,217	5,826	26819
MARINA	20,321	232	2,109	6,210	5,148	34020
SEASON TOTAL	56076	1132	5924	17700	15346	96178

### Beach Visitors

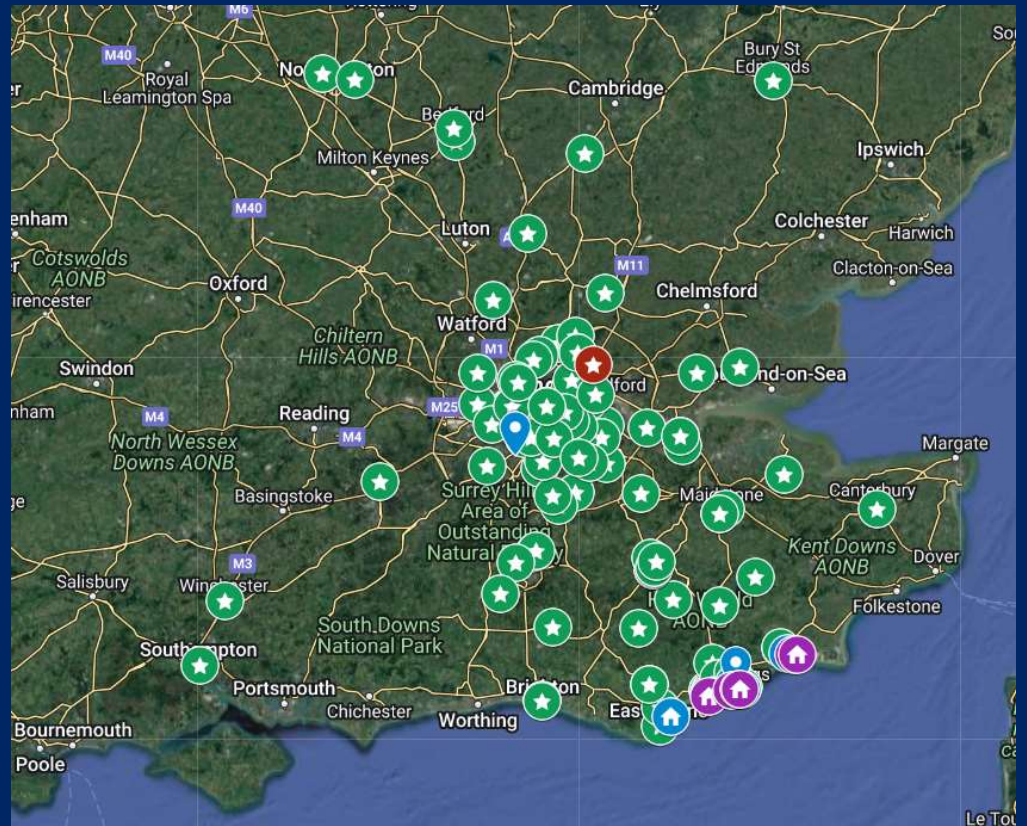
	Beach Users	In-water	Surf/Craft	Total
<b>LOCATION</b>				
PELHAM	67,332	8,503	241	76076
PIER	35,593	4,872	768	41233
MARINA	27,798	8,386	1,661	37845
SEASON TOTAL	130723	21761	2670	155154

# Incident Mapping

Incident mapping highlights the incidents among beach users over the season. It allows us to gain an insight into where most people travelled throughout the summer. Most people using Hastings coastline reside in London. This summer, we have only been able to map minor incidents.

Most people involved in incidents such as missing and found persons, major, rescue, and assist's were unwilling to provide addresses. There is still a clear indicator that the majority of incidents occurring are from people who live in London.





## 2022 Recommendations

- HBC & RNLI to monitor beach users along coastline.
- Discussions around positioning of Pier base.



Lifeboats





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Thank you and

Questions