



## National Coastwatch

*"EYES ALONG THE COAST"*



Patrons:

HRH The Princess Royal KG KJ GCVO  
Air Marshal Sir Christopher Colville KCB Dr Dame Katherine Grainger DBE

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### HRH the Princess Royal becomes Royal Patron of the National Coastwatch Institution

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August the National Coastwatch Institution was informed by Buckingham Palace that 'The Princess Royal will be delighted to accept Royal Patronage of the National Coastwatch Institution'.

This is tremendous news for the Charity and a great recognition of the contributions and achievements that N.C.I. makes in ensuring safety around the UK coastline.

The N.C.I. is a national charity, funded entirely by donations from the public and sponsorship from business, whose 2400 trained volunteers run 52 lookout stations around the coast of England and Wales throughout the year. The lookouts, which oversee coastal waters and the immediate coastline, report directly to the MCA (Coastguard), and other emergency services, acting as their "eyes along the coast". Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, over 300 incidents have been recorded, which include vessels, kayakers, swimmers and coast walkers, in distress, involving Coastguard helicopters and rescue teams, the RNLI, police and ambulance services.

The Princess Royal has been a supporter of, and has taken an interest in, the work carried out by the N.C.I. since its inception in 1994, and it is with great pride that the N.C.I. welcomes her as the organisation's Royal Patron.

Attached photo by courtesy of Barrie Wilson, Portland Bill NCI  
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