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## **Sea and Air Search Launched After Clothes Found On Beach**

**Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the inshore lifeboat at 15.40hrs after clothes were found on the beach near to Uncle Tom's Cabin at Shoebury's West Beach.**

The Inshore lifeboat made best speed to the area and started a search in the immediate location for a possible person in the water, assisted by Southend Coastguard units on the shore.

The Southend lifeboat was launched from the pierhead boathouse to assist and the search and rescue helicopter based at Lydd, in Kent was also requested.

With the two lifeboats and the helicopter on scene a full search was under way. All units were stood down a short while later when CCTV footage confirmed people were seen leaving the area and coastguard were happy that persons were not missing.

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