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Southend Inshore Lifeboat Launched To Assist Essex Fire and Rescue.

Southend on sea's RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew launched the inshore lifeboat at 10.50hrs from the inshore boathouse to assist the fire service at Bell Wharf, Leigh.

The lifeboat crew arrived on scene where Essex Fire and Rescue crews were dealing with a BBQ stall, serving at The Leigh Folk Festival, that had caught fire and there were concerns that gas cylinders might explode, so cover was required on the water as a precaution.

With the fire put out Southend inshore lifeboat returned to station.

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