



Lifeboats

Royal National Lifeboat Institution

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Chipstead Branch

Master Etan Hardwick,

8 January 2015

Dear Etan,

I am the Chairman of the local Lifeboats branch here in Chipstead and I am writing to you as I recently heard from your neighbour, Mr Anthony Spooner, that you and a group of your friends have raised over £1,000 for the charity the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. I gather you did this by getting sponsors for your bike ride back in November last year and that your slogan was "Cycle to Save". I think this is a great slogan and reflects the Lifeboats own motto of being the charity that 'Saves Lives at Sea'.

I gather you are going up to, or may well have already gone up to Dungeness to hand over your donation, and I know you will have been thanked very, very warmly for your tremendous efforts. As the Chairman of the local branch I wanted to add my own congratulations to you and all the team who took part in the 'Cycle to Save' ride. What a magnificent amount you raised - you must be thrilled with your fantastic achievement - very well done all of you.

I am sure you will have been told that the RNLI relies entirely on the money that people give them to pay for everything involved with the Lifeboats including buying all the boats, both big and small, the crews' clothing and the safety equipment, as well as the building of the lifeboat stations and all the money required to put the boats to sea.

In my capacity as Chairman I have spoken to quite a few people about the RNLI, including a number of people who have been rescued at sea. However it is because of your help and your support that others will now be rescued in the future and I can tell you that they, and their families, would want me to say that they can't thank you enough.

So - very well done Etan - brilliant! Should you or your friends ever want to raise money for the Lifeboats at any time in the future do please let me know and I will do what I can to broadcast it around Chipstead.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Roger Hutchings

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Chairman, Chipstead Branch