



Ventnor Coastguard Rescue Team

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Last weekend the team said a sad farewell to Chris Welsford (Ventnor 05). Chris has served 21 years of voluntary service with His Majesty's Coastguard. During his service he has attended many incidents at all hours of the day/night and in challenging conditions, both physically and emotionally. The last 21 years have seen him progress through his rope and mud rescue competencies achieving technician in both disciplines enabling him to perform cliff rescues and mud rescues. More recently in his service he achieved his Officer in Charge competency enabling him to lead and be in charge of incidents. Early on in his service he attended many schools to educate them on coastal safety and telling pupils about the Coastguard Rescue Service. This year Chris was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct medal after achieving 20 years service. In his last act of duty he laid our wreath at Ventnor Park on Remembrance Sunday.

We will all miss Chris a huge amount but now it's time for you and your family after giving 21 years to the local community. You can be very proud of your service and we wish you all the very best for the future.

