

### **A thank you to the RNLI on behalf of Chris Bamfield**

The family that is the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, is in great shock at the announcement that the windsurfer, who went missing off the coast of Hunstanton on Saturday, is one of our own. Chris Bamfield only very recently retired as one of our Executive Directors. I know many of you will count Chris as a great friend and many more of you will know of Chris from working with him at the council. Our thoughts are with his wife, Vanessa, and children Ashton and Jamie, at this extremely difficult time.

With the agreement of the Bamfield family, we launched a GoFundMe fundraiser yesterday (18 November) to raise money for the RNLI.

This is as a heartfelt thank you for their role in the search for our former executive director Chris Bamfield. We, along with Chris's wife Vanessa and children Ashton and Jamie, want to show our gratitude to the emergency services involved in the search for Chris, and we felt that this would be an appropriate way to show our support and encourage anyone else who felt they wanted to, to do likewise.

Chris' family, who have given their blessing to raise funds for the RNLI, to say thank you for all their effort, said: "Chris lived life to the max. He was always fanatical about everything he did, and windsurfing was at the top of that list. The effort and dedication shown by the emergency services in their effort to bring him home have left us all truly humbled. To show our appreciation as a family, we would like to contribute to the RNLI in his name, and we know he would appreciate anyone else, able and willing to do so, to do the same."

Anyone wanting to show their support should head to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/chris-bamfield-a-thank-you-to-the-rnli>. Anything raised to support these vital emergency services would be very much appreciated.

All donations go straight to the charity via the above link. Over £8,000 had been raised at the time of writing.