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## **Cheque in memory of brother presented to RNLI Kirkwall.**

### **Local couple raises over £5600 through worldwide bridge competition to boost RNLI funds at Kirkwall Lifeboat.**

Local couple Anna Gudge and Mark Newton organised a bridge competition that attracted 1498 pairs from 98 clubs in 6 countries including the UK, Kenya and Sweden. Entrants were asked for a donation to enter and a great total of £5659.45 was raised.

Mark's brother, Geof, who had always been interest in boats had died unexpectedly last year. Mark and Anna decided to raise money for a charity in his memory and thought their interest in playing bridge might be a way to do this. It proved to be correct and they were delighted with the total raised.

They presented their cheque at Kirkwall Lifeboat station on Tuesday 10th July.

Moira Irvine representing the Fundraising team at Kirkwall was on hand to accept the cheque.

A photo of the cheque presentation is attached with this news release.

Photo is by Graeme Smith, Kirkwall RNLI.

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**Notes to editors**

- Kirkwall lifeboat station has been operating since 1974. To learn more about the lifeboat station go to [www.rnli.org.uk/kirkwall](http://www.rnli.org.uk/kirkwall)

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**Key facts about the RNLI**

The RNLI charity saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 100 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 137,000 lives. The RNLI is a charity registered in England, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland.