



Fencing on Langdon Cliffs above the Port of Dover

Appeal after brother and sister found dead at cliffs

Officers investigating the deaths of a brother and sister found at the foot of the White Cliffs are appealing for help tracing their last movements by speaking to hotel and B&B owners.

At the time we went to press, a formal identification had not taken place but police believe they were twins, aged 59, from the Elton area of Cheshire.

The body of another man was also discovered in the same spot in Langdon Bay during a large emergency services operation on the same day, New Year's Day. The man's body has been identified as a 45-year-old from Manchester.

None of the deaths are being treated as suspicious.

Det Sgt Stuart Ward said: "We know they were in London on Thursday, December 22, and we can place them in Dover on Boxing Day, but we are keen to establish if they were staying locally.

"We have already contacted local



hotels but are now asking owners of guest houses, bed and breakfasts and pubs to contact us if they had a man and woman in their late 50s from Cheshire staying over the Christmas and New Year period."

Officers would also like to hear from anyone who saw the pair, who were wearing dark-coloured wet weather clothing, at the top of the cliffs in the period between Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

A report is being compiled for the coroner looking into the death of the 45-year-old man from Manchester. His next of kin have been informed.

Police are satisfied that the deaths



The White Cliffs of Dover; three bodies were found at New Year

of the second man and woman are not connected to the death of the first man. If you have any information that could help with the enquiry, phone police on 101 quoting reference number 01-0980.

Following the tragedy, Dover MP Charlie Elphicke reacted with shock at the news. He tweeted: "Shocked by bodies found near cliffs in Dover. Thoughts with the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives."

EMERGENCY CREWS' EFFORTS

The bodies of the brother and sister were discovered after police and coastguards had been alerted to concerns for a man shortly before 2.30pm on New Year's Day.

His body was subsequently found at the bottom of Langdon Cliffs.

But officers are satisfied the deaths of the siblings and the man are not linked.

The concerns for the man's safety led to a major operation by the

emergency services, including police, paramedics, Dover RNLI and the coastguard.

Langdon Battery and Deal coastguard rescue teams, the UK Coastguard search and rescue helicopter based at Lydd, and the Dover RNLI Lifeboat were sent to the area.

Dover RNLI press officer Ed Baker confirmed that the coastguard took the main lead, and the helicopter

winched the man's body from a ledge on the cliff in Langdon Bay and took it to the coastguard station.

The other man and woman were located about half a mile away by the coast search and rescue teams on the shore "situated within the port within one of the harbour arms".

Paramedics were also at the scene, and the lifeboat crew stood

down from the incident just before 4pm.

At the time, police spokesman Amanda Wills said: "Police were called to the location at 2.27pm and the body of a man was subsequently discovered at the bottom of the cliffs by the coastguard.

"During the search the coastguard also discovered the bodies of a second man and a woman."

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