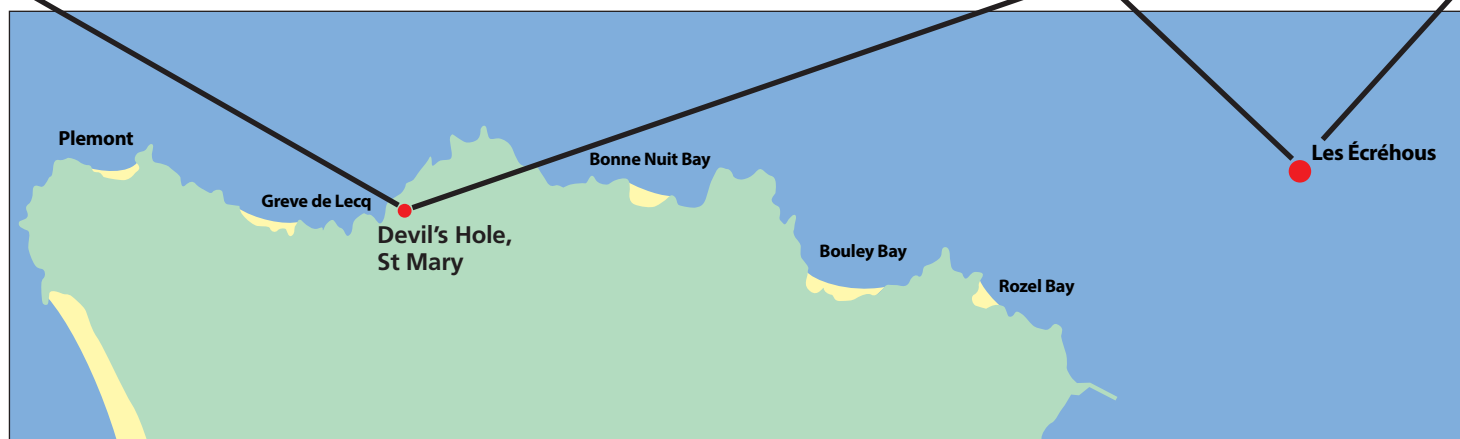
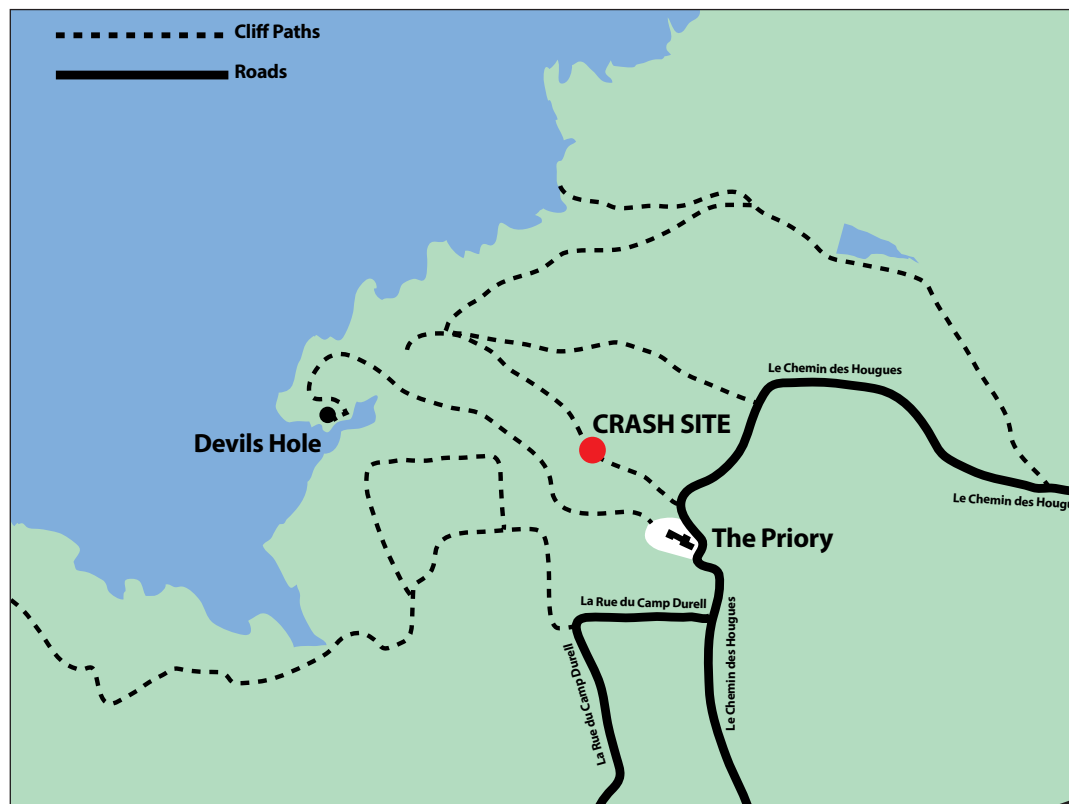


NEWS

The search, the crash and the rescue



Those involved in the search



The St Helier all-weather lifeboat



The Carteret lifeboat



The Alderney lifeboat



French Navy Puma from Cherbourg



Coastguard helicopter from Lee-on-Solent



Channel Islands Air Search aircraft Lions' Pride, before it was forced to crash-land



The two fishermen were found on the Ecréhous by colleagues and air-lifted to hospital by a French navy helicopter



Les Écréhous

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Occasional rain

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Crew safe and well after night of drama

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All five crew members are safe and well, having been checked by the ambulance staff.

'I am feeling very jaded, but we will have more to say and will be able to answer more questions over the next couple of days.'

Mr Hobbs added that accommodation was being arranged in the Island for him and his crew. He was expecting to be flown back to Guernsey, where the search plane is based, this morning.

Emergency teams involved in the rescue described the conditions as 'horrendous'. They reported that force 8 south-westerly winds and rough seas made it extremely difficult to look for the two fishermen.

The St Helier lifeboat was stood down immediately after the casualties were found and eventually made it back to St Helier at 1.30 am.

Honorary police cordoned off the road leading to the Priory pub soon



Search director and Channel Islands Air Search member Jason Hobbs

after the plane crashed and kept it closed overnight. Airport fire crews and the Jersey Fire and Rescue Service were called to the scene to ensure that the plane was safe.

The States Police said an investigation into the plane crash had been launched by the Air Accident Investigation Branch.

STORM TIMELINE

- 6 pm: Search launched for two fishermen reported missing from the Ecréhous. The St Helier all-weather lifeboat and the Lions' Pride Channel Islands Air Search plane are launched. The Carteret lifeboat joins the search later, followed by a French navy helicopter.
- 7.15 pm: Lions' Pride crash lands in St Mary. Airport fire crews are the first on the scene and make the plane safe.
- 8 pm: Five crew from the Lions' Pride have walked to the Priory pub at Devil's Hole and are checked over by paramedics.
- 8.41 pm: Alderney lifeboat joins the search, followed shortly after by the Lee-on-Solent coastguard helicopter.
- 9 pm: Some emergency crews leave the scene of the crash. Others stay for the night to protect the aircraft from further damage from the weather.
- 11 pm: Two missing fishermen are found by members of their group at the Ecréhous. The French navy helicopter airlifts them to hospital and the search is stood down.
- 1.30 am: St Helier all-weather lifeboat is back on station ready for its next call.

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