



ETTINGTON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER SCHEME

We've had a busy Winter. Over the period 1st November to 28th February, we were called to 17 '999' incidents of which we attended 14 including two on Christmas Day. We've a few updates which we would like to share with you:

Community First Responder of the Year Awards from West Midlands Ambulance Service

Three of our First Responders - Zarig, Russ and Paul – were nominated by West Midlands Ambulance Service to receive Community First Responders of the Year Awards. The Awards were presented at a ceremony on 11th March by Anthony Marsh, Chief Executive Officer of WMAS and Mrs Anna Turner, High Sheriff of Shropshire. Zarig, Russ and Paul were the first three qualified responders in the team but this Award is recognition of the work by the entire team; including the



other First Responders and the non-responding (non-medical) members who work so hard to raise funds for the Scheme and carry out other vital roles. We'd like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the outstanding fundraising support that we have received from the communities which we serve; notably Ettington and the Pillertons. This support has been instrumental in this Award as, without that, the Scheme couldn't have been launched in the first place nor grown to be as effective as it now is. We'd also like to recognise Sarah Neale and Tony Ashfield who played major roles in the launch of the Scheme. The team has grown from strength to strength since we launched in June 2009.

More Training Successes!

Congratulations to Michelle, Zarig and Derrick who recently passed their Intermediate Level Community First Responder Qualification with WMAS. This is an intense medical training programme over three weekends followed by an exam and practical assessment. Michelle's qualification means that she is now live as a First Responder. We now have six First Responders across Ettington, the Pillertons and Newbold-on-Stour.

Ettington Parish Council

Our thanks to Ettington Parish Council who have continued their outstanding support of the team by funding an additional defibrillator at a cost of £700. This is a vital piece of team equipment. Pillerton Priors and Pillerton Hersey Parish Councils have also made donations to the Scheme.

Are you good with numbers?

We're looking for a Treasurer to join our team around the Summer-time. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, we'd really love to hear from you. No medical duties are involved and you'd be part of an exciting team working in our community.

Thank you!

We want to thank you for your tremendous support. A special thank you to those who have made personal donations to the Scheme. The Scheme relies on financial function support from our community and your generosity has been outstanding. Please continue to support us.

Contact us

You can find out more about the Scheme at <http://www.ettingtoncfr.org.uk> and you can contact us at info@ettingtoncfr.org.uk