



Ettington Community First Responder Scheme

Providing Emergency Care Until The Ambulance Arrives

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Big Lottery Grant for Ettington CFR Scheme

15 May 2010: Ettington CFR Scheme awarded Grant from Big Lottery Fund

Ettington Community First Responder Scheme has been awarded a grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

Paul Mulligan, Ettington CFR Scheme Chair, said; "We are absolutely delighted to have received this funding. It has come after months of hard work lead by our determined Treasurer Marie who proved to the Big Lottery Fund that we are a suitably worthy cause. In March, three members of the Scheme received West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) Community First Responder of the Year Awards in recognition of the work of the entire team of volunteers, so for the Lottery grant to follow so soon afterwards is very rewarding for this fledgling team."

Steve Boreham, Ettington CFR Scheme Secretary, added "As a newcomer to this team, I am highly impressed that a scheme that had been in existence for little more than six months at the time of the application can have successfully met exacting National Lottery grant application criteria. This gives me great confidence that the Scheme I have joined is already mature in its approach and that it will continue to evolve and best support the community that it serves".

Marie Lowe, Ettington CFR Scheme Treasurer explained "Much of the Big Lottery Fund grant will be used to purchase equipment that allows the Scheme to sooner provide more extensive operation within our coverage area of Alderminster, Butlers Marston, Ettington, Fulready, Halford, Pillerton Hersey, Pillerton Priors, and Newbold-on-Stour. Funds will also be used to purchase equipment that allows appropriately qualified members to undertake more specialist call-outs, as well as to maintain critical items such as defibrillators. These machines have expensive components that need to be replaced on a

regular basis in order for them to remain certified, and the lottery funding helps the Scheme temporarily meet this cost.”