

 <p>Ettington Community First Responder Team</p>	<h2>Ettington Community First Responder Scheme</h2> <p>www.ettingtoncfr.org.uk</p> <p>Registered Charity No: 1140022</p>	
<p>Providing first-response emergency medical care in the Stourdene region of South Warwickshire in partnership with West Midlands Ambulance Service</p>		

Well, another year is almost over and it's time for the annual update from the Ettington Community First Responder Team. 2012 has been another interesting year for us with a few personnel changes, some fantastic village events and the first full year of use for our scheme car. Firstly, we would like to take time to thank **everyone** for their continued support. Ettington Community First Responder Team is only able to continue due to the donations of the local people and support of local businesses and organisations that have hosted events for us, collected on our behalf and hosted collections boxes for us. **Thank You!** one and all.

For those who are new to the area, **Ettington Community First Responder Team** is an organisation operating across the Stourdene villages including Alderminster, Ettington, Fulready, Ilmington, Newbold-on-Stour, the Pillertons, Halford and Tredington, providing first-response emergency medical care following a 999 call whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive. The scheme is run entirely by volunteers (including the full scheme administration) and is kept going by the support and fundraising efforts of the local community.

To the end of October, 2012 Ettington First Responders have been called to 133 incidents, 125 of which we attended and 8 we were stood down (this means we were asked not to attend before we could get there). This means we attended 100% of callouts in 2012. Of these callouts our scheme car, which went into operation early in 2012, was used in 66% of the callouts which shows what an amazing resource it has been for us.



Bobby Qayum, Community Response Manager (Coventry & Warwickshire Locality) of NHS West Midlands Ambulance Service

highlights how important volunteer schemes such as ours are to the overall delivery of emergency services across rural areas. *"Community First Responders provide lifesaving treatment to people in their local communities, and although they are always backed up with the nearest available emergency ambulance, in many illnesses or injuries the first few minutes are critical and simple interventions can be performed in order to save lives or prevent disability. We are extremely proud of the excellent scheme which has been developed around Ettington"*

You may have met some of the team, or seen our scheme car at many of the village events over the last twelve months. It was in attendance at Jubilee parties in a number of the villages as well as the Ettington Primary School fete, Newbold Car Boot Sale and local Village Breakfasts, and we are always happy to attend village events to give information on what we do and to introduce our volunteers. In September, after over 3 years of service, our Chair and First Responder, Paul Mulligan, stood down from the team and has been replaced by Mary Patel, who lives in Pillerton Priors. As well as offering our humble thanks for Paul's hard work and commitment over the years we would also like to warmly welcome Mary to our team.

Looking for a new challenge yourself? Come and join us

As a result of first responders moving on or sometimes moving away from villages, we are now looking to recruit new members to our team, especially in the Ettington and Alderminster area. So if you'd like to become more involved in your local village community and are interested in joining a team of fun loving but committed volunteers why not apply? You do not need to be medically qualified as full training is provided. If you are interested in finding out more or would like a no obligation chat then please contact us via our email account info@ettingtoncfr.org.uk

Thank you once again for all your generous support. Finally we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at village events over the next twelve months.