

# 2015 Review

**Ettington Community First Responder Scheme** provides emergency medical response to 999 calls in the Stourdene area on a voluntary basis in conjunction with West Midlands Ambulance Service. The Scheme receives no government funding and relies on fundraising and donations to provide the equipment carried by the Community First Responders (CFRs) which includes a defibrillator. We were formed in 2008 and launched our operational service in June 2009. None of our team – medical or support – receive any payment for their services. There's not enough space here to tell you more about us so please visit our website and social media feeds where we have lots more information.

## Some Highlights from 2015

As with previous years, it has been a busy 12 months for the Scheme both from operational and fundraising perspectives. During 2015, our team CFRs have been called on to attend around 30 999 calls in the Stourdene area, and logged just under 1,500 'duty hours. Not bad for just a few volunteers! In addition, each of our 7 CFRs has successfully undertaken their annual qualification update with West Midlands Ambulance Service and completed mandatory Safeguarding Adults & Children training that has become a new requirement this year.

## Website Re-launch

Following extensive development we have successfully re-launched our website as an on line portal to who we are and what, where and how we operate. It also now includes a section on how you can help us and a facility for online donations. Over the coming months we will add quite a lot more material so please keep an eye open for it. We are grateful to the three local companies whose generous sponsorship made this possible: PH Hotels (*The Ettington Chase Hotel*), Wovenhill Rattan Garden Furniture and Zarr Web Design.

## Scheme Car

This has entered its fourth year in our service and continues to play a fundamental role in our operation; with Ambulance Service radio and high visibility markings it not only helps us maintain

contact with the Emergency Operations Centre but its visibility helps the following ambulance crew immediately know that they have arrived at the right place. We have also received comment that simply seeing it provides reassurance that we exist; helping to save life in our communities. It is however nearing the end of its reliable life so we will soon commence fundraising for its replacement – which will need your help please. More details to follow in the New Year!

## Fundraising

2015 has proved to be amazing for us in terms of our fundraising achievements with events as diverse as a Valentines Dance (February) & Halloween Evening (by kind arrangement with the Wellesbourne Lions), Ettington Village Garage Sale (June) & Big Breakfast (September), Tredington BBQ Lunch (August) alongside numerous individual donations and our charity collection boxes. We'd like to thank everyone who has helped, participated or donated to us during the last 12 months. And now, a future date for your diary: We will be holding a major fundraising event for the evening of **17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at Ettington Chase**. We have a very exciting guest speaker lined-up – more details also in the New Year!

## Communication

Whilst it consumes a fair amount of our time on top of everything else, we strive to keep regular communications with the communities that we serve through our Communications & Events volunteer Lauren. This includes the provision of updates at Parish Council meetings and other Parish events; many of which we have done this year, our website and use of social media; if you are on Facebook or Twitter, please like/follow us so that we can keep you updated on developments within the Scheme.

## How You Can Support Us

If you'd like to find out more about us, please check out our website [www.ettingtoncfr.org.uk](http://www.ettingtoncfr.org.uk), like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter. For more information about becoming a Community First Responder or organising a fundraising event for us, please e-mail us at [info@ettingtoncfr.org.uk](mailto:info@ettingtoncfr.org.uk). We would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone in Newbold on Stour, Halford, Tredington or Alderminster who might be interested in becoming a CFR.

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