



CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

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NEW PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR (ALDERBOOK ESTATE)

The Alderbrook Community Association, Crowborough have worked with Wealden District Council Housing and Property Services and Crowborough Community First Responders to provide an emergency defibrillator unit for the Alderbrook estate. The Association successfully applied to the WDC Housing and Property Services Community & Environmental Budget for funding, with the Crowborough First Responders giving expert advice on the location, installation and specification of the unit. The nearest alternative defibrillator is located too far from the estate to have been used in a medical emergency. Thanks to everyone involved in this project for their work and time in providing this potentially lifesaving equipment for the local community.

The defibrillator unit is secured with an alarm and keypad lock to ensure that no-one can gain access without good need. If someone is calling 999 for any relevant incident, this will trigger the dispatch system to look for public access defibrillators within a defined area. The South East Coast Ambulance Emergency Operations Centre will then release the code to access the unit. If someone is stood next to the cabinet and calls, then the same applies and the code will be released.

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Images for use with press release are attached electronically and shown over the page



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Above: Lifesaving defibrillator located in cabinet

Further Information:

Crowborough Community First Responders

Crowborough Community First Responders was formed in 2010, became a registered charity in 2014 and was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2019, the highest award a volunteer group can receive in the UK.

The charity provides specially trained volunteers who work alongside and to respond as directed by South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust, to emergency 999 calls in Crowborough and surrounding parishes. The charity is run entirely by its volunteers, 13 in total (8 frontline CFRs and 5 Fundraisers). The Charity's Patron is Mrs Jennifer Tate.

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