



**CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS**



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for Voluntary Service**

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### **OWNER OF BOARS HEAD INN SKY DIVES FOR CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS**

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Megan Manktelow, the owner of The Boars Head Inn undertook a Sky Dive in aid of local charity Crowborough Community First Responders, on 02 October 2019.

The Sky Dive took place from Headcorn Aerodrome (nr Maidstone). The dive was completed as a tandem dive with Instructor Simon. After a morning of instruction, they boarded the parachute club's aircraft G-GOHI and climbed up to around 12,000ft.



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After lining up themselves up at the aircraft door, they began their descent back to the aerodrome.



A fantastic total of £1,633.18 was raised thanks to the generosity of the pub's customers, which means that the team are able to deploy another Public Access Defibrillator in the area, a vital lifesaving piece of equipment, that can increase the chance of survival from the ultimate medical emergency, a cardiac arrest.

There are around 30,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests in the UK every year, and without the presence of a defibrillator, the chance of a patient surviving is around 2%.

**Speaking about the fundraising, Nicki Pointer (Team Leader – Crowborough CFR) said:**

“On behalf of the team, I wish to thank Megan for having the courage to skydive and raise money for our charity. The money that Megan has raised will be going into our Public Access Defibrillator project. The project is aiming to ensure that as well as adequate units around the town, the schools are prioritised and all local schools have this potentially lifesaving piece of equipment on site.”

Megan is now planning to wing walk for the team in the summer of 2020.

From the Friends of Crowborough Community First Responders, Reg & Dee Hook along with around 10 other regulars from the pub went along to support.

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### **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.

#### **Awards**

- 2015 – Heart of the Community
- 2019 – Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
- 2019 – UK Heartsafe

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### **Friends of Crowborough Community First Responders**

The Friends of Crowborough Community First Responders was setup in 2019 to co-ordinate and assist the frontline CFR team with fundraising activities. The team is formed at present by 5 people, with their own Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, operating as a sub-committee of the main charity.

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### **Boars Head Inn**

This 17<sup>th</sup> Century country Inn is situated in Crowborough (nr Tunbridge Wells). Owned by Megan Manktelow since July 2018, the Inn sells a range of real ales, local specialities and a wonderful restaurant. With open fires to keep you warm in the winter and a garden with spectacular views for the summer.

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