



**CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS**



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

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS WIN NATIONAL AWARD (CROWBOROUGH)**

Crowborough Community First Responders picked up a second national award this year at a prestigious award ceremony held in Manchester on 04 October 2019, hosted by television presenter Jenny Powell.



Centre: Nicki Pointer (Team Leader) & Leigh Westwood (Senior CFR Team Leader)

The awards are a celebration and recognition for outstanding individuals and organisations who have found the time, energy and resources to contribute to saving lives and creating heart safe environments for their workplaces and communities.

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Hand on Heart, the charity behind the awards is a dedicated children's charity committed to keeping children safe and prevent the deaths of 12 young people who die of sudden cardiac arrest each week in the UK. This year marked 8 years since the awards were introduced.



The award ceremony was held at the AJ Bell Stadium in Manchester

Nicki Pointer (Team Leader – Crowborough CFRs) and Leigh Westwood (Senior CFR Team Leader – Paddock Wood Operating Unit) attended the awards, where the team had been shortlisted in the Community Responder Group category. Up against many other very deserving individuals and organisations, Crowborough Community First Responders was announced as the winner, by category sponsor Project Heartbeat.

This is the second major national award that the team has picked up in 2019, and this event took place the evening before the team's own Annual Black Tie Event, allowing the team to celebrate the success back in Crowborough. The award was on display alongside the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service that was awarded earlier in the year.



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### **Speaking at the award ceremony, Nicki Pointer (Team Leader – Crowborough CFR) said:**

“We are so pleased to receive this award. The team have worked hard to install 6 PAD sites in our town and we have 3 more planned, whilst looking after 15 units in the area. Combined with the hours the team put into the community alongside South East Coast Ambulance, this award is great recognition for the team.”

The event was sponsored by Airbus, AEDArmor, Project Heartbeat, Defibshop, EPC-UK, Hand on Heart, Training and Qualifications UK, Martek, Zoll, Stryker with Headline Sponsor Philips.

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

### **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.

#### **Awards**

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

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