



CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS



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

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CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS PICKS UP BEST OF SUSSEX AWARD

(CROWBOROUGH)



Crowborough Community First Responders picked up the Best of Sussex 999 Award this year at an award ceremony held in Brighton at the Hilton Metropole, hosted by radio presenter Ambrose Harcourt.

The awards were organised by JPI Media, the owners of newspaper titles that cover the whole of Sussex, in association with the Sussex Masonic Charity Foundation.



Radio presenter Ambrose Harcourt hosted the awards ceremony

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Pictured (L-R): Mike Harris (Sussex Masonic Foundation), Leigh Westwood and Julian Weeks (Crowborough CFRs)

The event was to highlight those individuals or organisations that are going that extra mile for their community, from schools, sports clubs, volunteers, fundraisers and the emergency services.



All the winners pictured with Ambrose Harcourt and event sponsors

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Finalists attended a drinks reception, afternoon tea and after the presentation of the awards enjoyed a flight onboard the British Airways i360.

Leigh Westwood and Julian Weekes from the team attended the event, where the team won the 999 award category, for dedication and commitment to the work the team undertakes in Crowborough, Wadhurst, Withyham and surrounding areas. Recognising the hours that the team volunteer to respond to emergency 999 calls, the deployment and maintenance of Public Access Defibrillators and running awareness courses in basic life saving skills, such as CPR.

This is the third award that the team has picked up in 2019. Earlier this year the team won the UK HeartSafe Award, and were honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Speaking about the team receiving another award, Nicki Pointer (Team Leader – Crowborough CFR) said:
“I am very proud as Team Leader of all the amazing volunteers that make up our team, all of whom are selfless in giving their time to help the community or fundraise for our work. The achievements and the awards won this year are testament to the dedication of the team.”

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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

- 2014 – Rotary Club Citizens Award
- 2015 – Heart of the Community
- 2019 – Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
- 2019 – UK Heartsafe
- 2019 – Best of Sussex

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Social media

- Facebook: @CrowboroughCFRs
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- Instagram: @crowborough_cfrs
- LinkedIn: Crowborough Community First Responders

Website: www.crowbrough-cfr.co.uk

Friends of Crowborough Community First Responders

The Friends of Crowborough Community First Responders is a dedicated team of volunteers that was formed in 2019, to assist and co-ordinate in the fundraising activities of the team.

The charity receives no central funding, so is reliant entirely on donations from members of the public and other corporate bodies.

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