



Crowborough Community First Responders

Working in partnership with



CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Charity Patron: Mrs Jennifer Tate

Charity Number: 1157368

The relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of good health within Crowborough and surrounding communities, by the provision of trained Community First Responders (volunteers) to attend medical emergencies as directed by South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

About our charity

Our charity is run entirely by a team of dedicated volunteers. There is no-one involved with the charity or its administration that receives remuneration for any part of their involvement. The team has won many awards, the most significant of which is The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (the MBE for volunteer groups) awarded in 2019

We have 3 main areas of interest in which we focus our time and energies, for the benefit of not just Crowborough, but wider afield as for our core activity we have one of the largest areas to cover in our partnership with South East Coast Ambulance

CORE ACTIVITY : Emergency Response to 999 calls

Our core activity is to provide specially trained volunteers to respond alongside South East Coast Ambulance in response to emergency 999 calls

These may include such incidents as cardiac arrests, respiratory arrests, cardiac/chest problems, breathing difficulties, stroke/neurological problems, choking, allergic reactions, diabetic problems or fitting

Response time when a call is received relating to cardiac complaints, especially cardiac arrests is critical. Early intervention and defibrillation can literally make the difference between life and death



By having volunteers within the local community, with the skills to get to a patient and deliver potential lifesaving treatment ahead of a frontline ambulance arriving, increases the chance of recovery for that patient.

Our volunteers have been providing this service since 2008, from when a single volunteer was based in the area, which turned into a larger team and subsequently the charity in the form it is in today with 15 volunteers, including a dedicated team of fundraisers. Some of our fundraising team are involved with the charity as they themselves have benefitted directly from the early intervention of a Community First Responder being first on scene to them, in their time of need

Public Access Defibrillators



At a cost of around £1,300 per unit, and a ideal need to have these located within 1,000m of everyone in the town, we are working to increase our network

We currently own 15 units, have supplied and continue to maintain a further 28 units

CPR & Defibrillator Training



Through a partnership with the British Heart Foundation, we run regular sessions open to the public on how to perform CPR, use defibrillators and place a person in the recovery position

These sessions are funded by us and not those attending

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