



Dear Potential Supporter

As Community First Responders, we are volunteers who are trained to respond to RED1 & RED2 emergency calls through the 999 system, in conjunction with the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. We are NOT a replacement for the Ambulance crews as they will always be dispatched as well. Over 130,000 people die each year in the UK due to cardiac arrest (RED1). It has been proved that the quicker a patient who has suffered a sudden cardiac arrest is treated with a defibrillator, along with continuous effective Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), their chance of survival can increase by up to 75%. An ambulance crew will do their best to be with the patient within 8 minutes; however, a Community First Responder could be with the patient much sooner than that.

The set-up costs for each member of the '*Tenterden & Isle of Oxney Community First Responder Scheme*' is quite considerable. All the equipment, personal uniform and vehicle signage has to be paid for by the group and is around £1300 per member. Currently we have another six members undergoing training this year, so kitting them out with the equipment they need means we have to fund raise. Any donation received, however small, would be a tremendous help ~ allowing us to serve our community: Tenterden, St Michaels, Rolvenden, Rolvenden Layne, Newenden, Wittersham, Ebony, Stone-Cum-Ebony and Biddenden ~ plus all the places in between.

Currently, the costs for each member break down thus:

iPAD SP1 AED, carry case, 2 sets of adult / child pads & 2 AED start kits	£841.75
Adaptor for iPAD SP1 AED	£39.95
Responder kit bag (empty, and without oxygen)	£110.00
Oxygen cylinder	£2.50
Stethoscope	£1.70
Sphygmoma- nometer	£9.99
Pulse Oximeter	£23.97
Infrared Forehead Thermometer	£29.95
Peak Flow	£6.38
Metronome	£8.06
Vehicle magnetic signage	£60.00
3 embroidered shirts	£30.00
2 pairs work trousers	£40.00
Safety Boots	£45.00
Equipment belt & pouch	£50.00
<u>Total Cost:</u>	<u>£1299.25</u>

We already have four active members, but once additional new members are up and running, we will be able to provide greater cover for our communities ~ over more hours each week. We cannot do that, however, without equipping those members. We have approached local Councils and Councillors for funding, but we need additional funding. Can you help us?

I would be grateful for any support you feel you could give us, however small.

Kind Regards

John Rivers

Team Leader