



## All Cannings and Community First Responders

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### Supporting the Community

**All Cannings and Community First Responders continue to support you and the community when seconds count!**

Over the winter months we and other community groups have been providing additional backup support throughout Wiltshire for the Great Western Ambulance Service (GWAS). We have seen many improvements with the first responder scheme support. They have offered us new advanced care training and improved BLS/AED training programs. We will work through these programs during the course of the year.

We are currently operating with three kits and teams within the community. One kit based here in All Cannings, one kit alternates between Echilhampton / Bishop Cannings and one kit will alternate between Marden and Chirton. All kits are now fully kitted out and operational. We are still raising funds throughout the community to purchase the third defibrillator for one kit (which we have on loan from GWAS) of which, we still have another £1,500 to raise. We have finally purchased our all weather winter ambulance jackets which have been long overdue "now we can keep warm when out at night"!

A new First Responder scheme is trying to start up in Devizes with a loaned first responder kit from GWAS. The Devizes kit will be funded else where, **we will not support it from a funding prospective**. We have been supporting the operation however to help get it started, but this of course will take some time to get it going. We will then let it run its own course and funding.

Recently we received a great contribution from the All Cannings community "Over 50's Table Tennis Club" with a Light Lunches Event. They raised **£300**, which is greatly appreciated! Also, a special thanks to everyone in the community who has contributed to our collection tins scattered around the pubs and garden centre's (especially the All Cannings Village Shop!).

As we move into the summer we will attend a number of fund raising events, conduct local talks and attend a number of local fetes, so we hope to see you around.

**We are still looking for a volunteer fund raiser for the group** - someone with time on their hands, who would like to support our voluntary effort by helping to raise our profile, fund raise, collect donations, source sponsorship and general group support.

**If interested, then please give us a call.**

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