

ALDERMINSTER FIRST RESPONDER SCHEME

The meeting with the West Midlands Ambulance Service, to start a First Responder Scheme in Alderminster was very positive.

On the night four volunteers came forward to be trained as First Responders.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

W M A S will train, assess, and CRB check volunteers free of charge.

First Responders are covered by the same Insurance as Paramedics.

The training covers CPR and use of the defibrillator and general first aid.

Minimum commitment of four hours a week to suit yourself and can be easily changed by logging on to an on line calendar.

Training can take place over a weekend in our Village Hall, or other times at the First Responder Suite at Stratford Hospital

Ideally responders will be in good health and be over 18 and under 70 years of age.

First Responders will not be called to attend traumatic incidents ie. Farm Accidents, Road Accidents and any incident that would put the Responder at personal risk.

You would not take the place of the Paramedics - an ambulance will be on its way to the incident and Paramedics will take control on arrival.

The Parish Council has sufficient funds to finance two defibrillators with ancillary equipment, a mobile phone and bag (not heavy), which would be passed around the volunteers. (ie. not positioned in the village)

Obvious benefits of becoming a First Responder is that you will get expert training and become a fully qualified First Aider which would benefit your family in emergency situations.

If you feel that you could give a minimum of 4 hours a week, those four hours to suit you and are flexible then please speak to Maureen Moody on 450593, if I am not around please leave a message and I will get back to you.

PLEASE give this serious thought, Cardiac Arrest can affect any age, even children.

Maureen Moody, Parish Councillor.