

The Defibrillator initiative is the provision of Automatic Exterior Defibrillators (AEDs) in and around the Knutsford area. To reduce the risk of a life being lost through cardiac arrest, it is essential that defibrillation is applied within minutes of the patient collapsing. We have a number of these AEDs already placed around the area and we hope to continue funding the purchase of more. The use of a defibrillator is included as part of the HeartStart training course and members of the public have used several of our defibrillators in emergency situations in the town. They are clearly identifiable because they are stored in large red security boxes which are easily accessible, and we endeavour to place these machines on premises which are open for long periods of time 7 days a week.

If you would like to help us either with a donation or by becoming a volunteer, then please feel free to telephone 01565 651705, or write to the Secretary at 24 Queensway, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0NN.

If you would like to attend one of our HeartStart courses, then please telephone our booking line on 01565 652348. Dates for the courses are advertised on notice boards around the town.

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“Our Aim is to Preserve Life”

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WHO ARE WE?

Supporting

Knutsford First Responder Team

Knutsford Community HeartStart Initiative

Knutsford Defibrillator Initiative

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The Knutsford Community First Responder Trust, now a Registered Charity, was formed in September 2002 and the Trust acts as an umbrella for 3 initiatives: our First Responder Team, our Community HeartStart initiative and our Defibrillator initiative. All members of the Knutsford Community First Responder Trust are volunteers.

The First Responder Team, trained by and working with the **North West Ambulance Service**, is a group of volunteers whose aim is to preserve life and promote recovery in an emergency situation in which an ambulance is not immediately available and within a 5 mile radius of Knutsford. Over a six month period we respond to over 500 calls, arriving at more than half of these before the ambulance and, because of ongoing training, we now attend emergency calls to all age groups.

The Community HeartStart initiative is a group of volunteers – the same group of First Responders – whose aim is to teach **Emergency Life Support Skills**, free of charge, to as many members of the public as would like to learn. We have now trained hundreds of people, from as young as 6, in life saving skills as well as retraining many more. We do not discriminate in any way. For example, just because a person is physically unable to perform CPR does not stop them from learning the skills necessary to instruct others. HeartStart was initiated by **The British Heart Foundation** who provided all the initial equipment needed to start the scheme, however all new stocks and room hire has to be funded by our group through donations and fund raising.