



Swallowfield Community Responders

Dear Supporter

Welcome to the June 2014 update for all of the kind supporters of our Group.

June continued to see us being busy as we nearly topped the 50 call mark at being deployed 49 times.

The analysis of the call areas was as follows:

	June	TOTAL
AREA	Calls - Month	Calls - YTD
Reading	9	28
Spencers Wood	8	43
Whitley	8	31
Other	6	30
Arborfield	4	21
Shinfield	3	29
Three Mile Cross	2	13
Hampshire	2	5
Swallowfield	1	15
Beech Hill	1	4
Farley Hill	1	12
Riseley	1	7
Lower Earley	1	5
Mortimer	1	2
Burghfield	1	6
TOTAL	49	251

As you can once again see, we were asked by the South Central Ambulance Service to help out this month and were deployed into Reading 9 times, with another 6 times to places like Wokingham and Woodley.

We were first on scene on 93% of occasions with an average time from call to on scene of just over 7 minutes, which when you look at where we were called to, is not a bad statistic!

The calls we attended included; chest pains, stroke, breathing difficulties, abdominal pains, anaphylactic shock, a fall from a horse, a broken arm, a nose bleed and unconscious patients.

The ladies continue to hog the limelight who needed us most with 21 calls, 18 to men, 6 to children and 4 where because we were stood down – we have no details. Average ages were 60, 53 and 4 respectively.

We logged 408 hours of cover for the community, bringing our total YTD to 2,315 hours, so we appear to be on track to provide a similar amount of time to that provided in 2013.

Team News

Unfortunately due to increased work commitments, one of our new responders has had to resign, which once again puts us back on the trail for new recruits. Luckily Chris is now back from France and is already actively putting in the hours, so at the present time we are ok.

Events

In June we attended 3 events: The Swallowfield Church Fete, the Shinfield Church Fete and the Lambs Lane School Fete.

Swallowfield Church Fete:

At this event we were asked to demonstrate CPR and whilst Gary was on the microphone, Barry was going through the motions and demonstrating the lifesaving skill. Quite a few people were about watching us so we hope it may have / still might prompt a few people to attend our Heartstart Course

Lambs Lane and Shinfield Church Fetes

Both of these were on the same day so the team mobilised to attend both. Unfortunately the weather was not kind and it rained heavily which reduced the numbers to both fetes. Whilst we were very pleased to attend we felt very sorry to the organisers who had all put in a tremendous amount of work for such worthy causes. Notwithstanding the weather we had a fair amount of interest in our Heartstart Courses, including an enquiry from a local school!

At the time of writing this report we had also spoken at the Swallowfield Parish APM, where we explained and gave an update to the Community on both the responders and Heartstart, which was well received.

Our next event will be on the 19th July at the Spencers Wood Church Fete, so if you are around, please come along to say hi and support the Fete.

Event Cover

Last month we mentioned that we were looking into providing event cover because we had enquiries from the local community and as a way of raising funds. After a lot of deliberation Barry and Gary are going on a course that will enable them to offer this facility and in conjunction with insurance we have taken out via our Heartstart Courses, we will be fully insured to offer event cover, so watch this space.

HEARTSTART SWALLOWFIELD

In June we delivered 2 Public Heartstart Courses which brings the total trained to 180 with a minimum of another 36 waiting to be trained.

We had our youngest attendee who was a 14 year old boy, although you would not know that by looking at him!



We have now managed to secure future dates for courses in Spencers Wood which are now live on the website but are as yet unable to publicise dates for Swallowfield. We hope to be able to do this sometime in July

On our courses the overwhelming question from attendees is why is there not an AED in the Parish Hall / in the community? Well we have risen to the challenge and have set ourselves a target of securing funding for 5 Public Access Defibrillators (PAD). We have already been very active in sending out letters to companies and charitable trusts as well as the National Lottery and the British Heart Foundation. We have already started to see some encouraging responses.

One of the initiatives is to recycle mobile phones, so if anyone has any old mobile phones just lying around, pop them down to the Parish Clerk at the Swallowfield Parish Council who has kindly agreed to be the "collector" for us.

Our future course dates can be found at <http://www.heartstartswallowfield.co.uk/events/>. **Please help spread the word as our aim is to train as many people in the Community as we possibly can.**

As ever, we thank each and every one of you for your support, past present and future.

Regards,

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