



All Cannings and Villages Neighbourhood First Responders

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Volunteers are working hard!

All Cannings and Villages Neighbourhood First Responders are working hard to support you and your community when seconds count!

The summer months have been busy, attendance at local fetes, community talks and local promotions. We have also had an increase in callouts throughout the area. We currently operate with five active members and two fully functional emergency kits covering Bishop Cannings, All Cannings, Chirton, Woodborough, Etchilhampton, Coate, Horton, Marden, Alton Barnes and Stanton St Bernard. Our duty time coverage averages at ~50% per month with response times of around 6-10 minutes from despatch.

We are in need of new active members for the Bishop Cannings and Chirton areas. So if you want to hear more then please call.

At the end of the year we hope to raise \$2,500 to obtain our third First Responder Emergency Kit for the community. Local support, donations or sponsorship are most welcome.

To date we have raised £994 towards the third kit.

There have been several occasions this year where members of the community have knocked on the doors of local responders asking for help – please remember to <u>call 999</u> when there is an emergency, it is the Ambulance Service that will despatch us.

Finding your house is also a major challenge in this rural area. Please ensure you <u>display your</u> <u>signs and numbers clearly</u> and <u>meet</u> the emergency services on arrival.

It saves huge amounts of time!

We now have the new Ambulance radio/pager system operating for the two active kits which seems to be working well with improved communication with the ambulance dispatch centre.

<u>We are still looking for a volunteer fund raiser for the group</u> - 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.

Your area co-ordinator, Tel: 01380 862972