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Chulmleigh Co-responders

a local resource

with real reach.

Progress to date

Since the launch on the 1st of July the Chulmleigh Co-responders have responded to over 60 calls. The AED has been deployed over 15 times. Following the recent change in the ambulance call categorisation regime the Chulmleigh Co-responders have been busier than they were at first, and have responded to 7 calls in December, 16 in January and 9 in February. Calls have been handled from as far afield as Northcote Manor, Kings Nympton, South Molton, Witheridge, Lapford, & Winkleigh; this would indicate that the Chulmleigh Co-Responders have an effective radius of operation of about ten miles. Maps for Dec '16 to Feb '17 are printed on the back of this newsletter.

Recruitment

There remains an on-going and urgent need for additional fire-fighters [and hopefully co-responders] to be recruited. Chulmleigh has a current active establishment of 8 with 5 of those co-responding. Anyone who is interested in becoming a fire fighter please let Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue know!

Equipment

With the support of Chulmleigh and Chawleigh Parish Councils we secured the funding for the purchase of an additional pager to avoid the necessity for the fire-fighters to have to continuously run around transferring the pagers. This money, £800, was granted to us by North Devon District Council from their Strategic TAP Fund. The pager was delivered in March and our responders now have one each.

Roll Out to Other Communities

Due to very positive funding availability in some locations we have identified South Molton, Witheridge, Ilfracombe, & Braunton as target communities to try and set up schemes based on the "Chulmleigh model". We will be working over the next months to identify a champion in each of these communities to drive forward the expansion of the scheme. It is intended that each community's scheme will be self-contained to encourage a sense of local "ownership".

Fundraising

Fundraising carries on all the time to keep this service running, and more collection boxes are being distributed. To date they have raised almost £500, so please keep putting those odd pennies in.

The next day for your diaries is:

Saturday 8th July

9am

Coffee Morning

In the

Town Hall

We thank you all for your continued support. Please don't stop helping to save lives.

Phil French DART Chairman

