



## News Release

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### First Birthday for Local Lifesavers!

Ely's Magpas Community First Responders recently celebrated their first year anniversary at the Ambulance station in Ely



Ely's Responders celebrate with local paramedics. (Back row) Linda Everett, David Clarke, Peter Barker, Mandy Barker and Melanie Wright. (Front row) Matt Hyde, Emma Greaves and Lesley Hall.

During their first year the volunteers, who make up the Ely group, gave 5,795 hours of their time and attended more than 115 patients, delivering emergency medical care.

The 10 trained responders in the Ely group volunteer their time to go 'on call' and assist the Ambulance Service in giving crucial initial support to patients. This care can be for a variety of medical conditions, chest pains and breathing problems being among the most common.

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Time is a crucial factor in saving people who have suffered a cardiac arrest and this is where the responder scheme steps in to give that vital care using an automatic defibrillator.

During the course of the year, the Ely Responder group also received amazing support from local groups who have raised more than £3000 for the running costs of the scheme, including Fenland Jam who held a charity gig.

The local Co-ordinator, Emma Greaves, said, “We are delighted with how well the first year has gone. Attending 116 patients shows that our volunteers are needed in Ely. We would like to thank all of the supporters locally who organise events and other fundraising activities to support Magpas and their local group.”

Magpas spokesman, Christian Morris, said, “The Magpas volunteers in Ely dedicate a huge amount of their time to being on call just in case there is a medical emergency like a cardiac arrest or choking. They are very caring people and we are very lucky to have this group of lifesavers here in the city.”

For more information about becoming a member of the Ely team contact Emma Greaves on 01353-614794.

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Note to Editors: All Responders receive intensive and ongoing training in Immediate Life Support from Magpas, including the use of a defibrillator. No previous medical training is necessary as full training is provided by Magpas. All you need is enthusiasm and a desire to be able to help others.