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Littleport Lifesavers Launched!

Littleport now has its very own lifesaving community group trained by Magpas, the emergency medical charity for Cambridgeshire.



Marianne Christ, Emma Greaves, Andy Auburn.

Three trained Responders make up the Littleport Team who 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.

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.

More follows...

All the Responders have intensive and ongoing training in Immediate Life support from Magpas including use of a defibrillator.

Littleport launched their Magpas Community First Responder group recently at St George's Medical Centre. The Littleport group has received tremendous support from local groups who have raised funds for setting up the scheme, including the Littleport Rotary Club who regularly organise fundraising events.

Littleport Co-ordinator Emma Greaves said, "We are really excited about this scheme and are looking forward to putting our training into practice. We are also hoping to encourage other energetic and caring people to join our team. No previous medical training is necessary as full training will be provided by Magpas. We would like to thank all the supporters locally who have organised events and other fundraising activities to support Magpas and the Littleport group."

Anyone who would like more information about Magpas and the Community First Responders or who may be interested in joining the Littleport team please contact Emma Greaves on 01353 614794

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