



# South Central Ambulance Service

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Dear Member of the Caversham Community,

South Central Ambulance NHS Trust has long subscribed to the fact that the quicker we can have a suitably trained person, with the appropriate equipment; to a member of the public during a life threatening emergency, the better that person has of making a good recovery.

A few years ago, we launched a charity division called 'Community Responders', this initiative depends on members of the public believing in the same values as we do, and recognizing the importance and value of others in and around their own communities.

We accompany the volunteers on 2 full days of training, on one of our Ambulance Stations, explaining how to recognize and treat many life threatening medical emergencies, ranging from cardiac arrest to heart attacks, in the elderly down to infants, to name but only a few of the situations these volunteers are willing to face.

Once they have successfully completed this training, they are then tasked with raising money so they can purchase equipment such as Automated External Defibrillators, mobile phones, breathing equipment etc. and then they can respond as an emergency first responder, and tend to the needs to the most vulnerable in their moment of greatest need, whilst an ambulance is enroute.

Due to the close proximity to the emergency, Community Responders are very often first on scene, and their actions directly affect the outcome of that patient which impacts on the lives of the family and friends within your community.

We would like your support to help fund this initiative, and allow these volunteers to continue fighting selflessly to help others in and around you.



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If you believe your company could help either directly with funding, or could contribute any products or services that could be used to raise funds, or would like to become a community responder yourself, please, please, please contact me on any of the mediums and I would be extremely happy to come and present our charity to you, and explain in detail how we shine brightly in the community around you, during its darkest moments.

Within Caversham Heights/Caversham Park Village & Lower Caversham our volunteers have attend 245 emergencies within the period March 2010 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Kindest regards

Shona Harris

Community Responder Administrator & Volunteer

[www.southcentralambulance.nhs.uk/our-services/communityresponders](http://www.southcentralambulance.nhs.uk/our-services/communityresponders)

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