



Dun Law
Extension
Community
Benefit Trust

Project:	Humbie Community First Responders
Applicant:	Humbie Community First Responders
Date of application(s):	2010 and 2011
Amount granted:	November 2010 - £2000.00 November 2011 - £1250.00

CASE STUDY 2 – HUMBIE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Humbie Community First Responders was formed in December 2010 as a registered charity. The aim of the group is to help the community by providing a pool of volunteers who can respond to medical emergencies while an ambulance is on its way. All volunteers receive intensive training from the Scottish Ambulance Service so that they can provide early intervention before the arrival of the professional ambulance crew. The on-duty volunteer is called to appropriate emergencies in Humbie and the surrounding area when it is anticipated that the volunteer may arrive before the ambulance. Volunteers are equipped with specialist equipment, including a defibrillator, oxygen etc.

Community First Responders are an integral and valued link in the 'Chain of Survival' in areas that experience an extended journey time, as they can provide essential simple treatments in those crucial first few minutes prior to the arrival of the ambulance. Community First Responders can expect to be sent to incidents involving: chest pain; cardiac arrest; difficulty in breathing or choking; medical collapse or unconscious patients.

As of February 2020, the group has five volunteers.

Finance

Start-up funding for the group was been provided through local fundraising, Humbie Community Fund and Dun Law Community Benefit Trust. This has allowed the group to purchase essential equipment, including its own defibrillator. The group recognised that it would not always be possible for volunteers to make their own private cars available when on duty, so purchased a 4x4 vehicle for specific use by "on call" volunteers. Vehicle purchase and payment of first period insurance was made possible by specific one-off donations, and maintenance costs are being provided at a reduced rate. Volunteers meet all fuel costs for this vehicle. An additional grant of £1250.00 towards running costs was made by Dun Law Community Benefit Trust in 2011.



Launch of Humbie Community First Responders, 2011 with Henry Gibson, Chair, Dun Law Trust, East Lothian MSP, Iain Gray and volunteers