

SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE INVERURIE FIRST RESPONDERS @ THE HEART OF YOUR COMMUNITY



Community Update, Thankyou KDCC

We're thrilled to share some exciting news with you as we continue to grow and support our local community.

Thanks to the incredible support of **Kintore and District Community Council**, we have been awarded a generous grant of **£4,703.02** from the **SSEN Community Benefit Fund**. We are immensely grateful to SSEN's Community Benefits team and Kintore Community Council for making this possible. This funding will go a long way in helping us deliver life-saving support and essential training throughout the area.

The grant will be used to:

- Purchase vital **PPE** for our team of volunteers.
- Invest in a **Resusci Anne QCPR Airway Head Torso** – an advanced manikin that allows us to deliver realistic, high-quality CPR and defibrillator training, both for our team and for members of the public.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to **MedTree** and **Craig Parker** for their invaluable help in sourcing and supplying the PPE and training equipment. Their support has been instrumental in ensuring we're fully equipped to serve our community. Established in 2005, they are a UK owned, worldwide distributor of emergency medical supplies, first aid products and medical training equipment.

As **Alan Milne**, our Group Coordinator, explains:

“It has already been an incredibly busy year for our team, with our responders attending a growing number of emergencies across the community. This year alone, we have already responded to **19 cardiac arrests & 46 chest pain** callouts within our area of remit, highlighting just how vital our role is in providing early intervention and life-saving care.

One of the most significant additions made possible by this grant is the **Resusci Anne QCPR Airway Head Torso**, which is an advanced training dummy that's a game-changer for our team. Unlike standard manikins, it allows for advanced airway management and AED training, capabilities that are not usually possible with conventional CPR training equipment.

To put it into perspective, this is the difference between a basic budget car and a Rolls-Royce—a leap in quality that will make a lasting impact on the skills and confidence of our responders.

Beyond benefiting our team, we envision using this training manikin to provide realistic training sessions for members of the public, helping to remove the fear of using an AED. By giving people hands-on experience in a controlled environment, we can build confidence and empower more individuals to step in and act during a cardiac emergency—**potentially saving lives.**”

This grant marks another important milestone in our mission to make Inverurie and the surrounding areas safer and more resilient. We're proud of the work our volunteer responders do and grateful for the continued support from the community. Thank you for standing with us. Together, we can save lives.

Looking Ahead – Can Your Community Council Help?

To take our training capabilities to the next level, we're now looking to raise funds for a **ShockLink system**—a fantastic tool that allows **live defibrillators to be safely connected to training manikins**, making BLS and defibrillation training even more realistic.

Using **ShockLink**, we can connect standard defibrillators to training pads and simulate a real-life shock safely. The shock energy is harmlessly absorbed in the ShockLink cable, eliminating the need for expensive specialist manikins with chest studs or load boxes. This means:

- More versatile training options
- Increased realism
- Reduced equipment costs



We would **love to work with other community councils** in the area who might be willing to support the purchase of this vital training tool. Your contribution could help us bring the best possible lifesaving education to even more local groups, schools, and community events.

If your council or organisation would be interested in supporting us, please don't hesitate to get in touch. coordinator.cfrinverurie@outlook.com

Visit to the Scottish Ambulance Service SORT Base

A huge thank you to Liam and Holly from the Scottish Ambulance Service Special Operations Response Team (SORT) for showing us around the SORT base this evening. Our team had a fantastic visit and came away with a much better understanding of the role, capabilities, and specialist equipment used by SORT paramedics.

We frequently work alongside SORT paramedics during immediate life-threatening emergencies, so having this insight into their operations was incredibly valuable. It's clear how vital their role is, and we now feel even better informed and prepared as a team.

We're very fortunate to have this dedicated resource based here in Aberdeen, and we're grateful for the opportunity to strengthen the links between our teams.

Thank you once again, Liam and Holly, for your time, your hospitality—and your dedication to saving lives.



We're also very grateful to Delm8, who continue to support us in getting to the correct address quickly and efficiently. In emergency response, every second counts, and having accurate location tools like Delm8 is a real asset to our work.

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