



# **Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team (BEAT)**

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## Local Community Responder Scheme receives Award

The Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team (BEAT) is delighted to have recently received an award from the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECamb).

The Ambassador Award was presented to the team for its ongoing work within the community and recognises the group's success not only in providing emergency cover, but also regarding fund-raising and providing public access defibrillators in the area.

Paul Berry, BEATs Team Leader, says "We are very pleased and honoured to have received this award. We accept it not only on behalf of the group but also on behalf of our generous donors and the people who have helped us set up 4 public access defibrillator sites in the area".

Garry Perkins, who is a Responder Operational Manager for SECamb says "The well-established Billingshurst team were recognised for their tireless work to increase the awareness of Community First Responders within their community. They have also linked with local organisations to develop several new Public Access Defibrillator sites. The Billingshurst team have shown great enthusiasm and commitment in serving the local community. SECamb is very proud of the team and congratulates them on the award."

Community Responders are training volunteers who attend certain types of 999 Ambulance calls within their community. Their role is to provide often vital treatment to a patient prior to the arrival of an Ambulance.

BEAT is always keen to attract new members in order to increase the group's cover further. To find out more, visit [www.beatresponders.org](http://www.beatresponders.org) or phone Paul Berry on 01403 786185.

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The attached photo shows Garry Perkins of SECamb handing over the award to members of BEAT.

## Editors' Notes

The Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team (BEAT) started providing emergency cover in February 2006 with six volunteers. The group currently has 15 members. BEAT covers a large area and as well as in Billingshurst, has members based in Wisborough Green, Barns Green and Plaistow.

BEAT is trained by, monitored and dispatched by the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

Members of BEAT give their time voluntarily and without payment.

BEAT is a Registered Charity. Number 1119641

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