

# Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team

## Quarterly Newsletter – October 2006



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### Call Statistics...

February - 4  
March - 3  
April - 5  
May - 6  
June - 7  
July - 11  
August - 6  
September – 9

### Call Locations...

Adversane  
1  
Billingshurst  
34  
Codmore Hill  
1  
Coolham  
1  
Five Oaks  
5  
Kirdford  
2  
Loxwood  
2  
Wisborough  
Green  
5



**Welcome** to the first newsletter from your local Community Responder group, BEAT. We wanted to keep our supporters up to date with our activities since the group went 'live' in February 2006. We hope to send out quarterly newsletters to keep you all updated. It would be nice to include the odd photo. We would be grateful if any of you who might have a colour photo-copier might allow us to use it every so often for the production of future newsletters which will be around 30 at a time - please contact Trevor if you can help. As you can see to the left we have been busy, so far dealing with over **50 calls** in what is an ever growing area. We arrived before (sometimes well before) the ambulance on around **75%** of our calls. Our training continues to allow us to attend a greater variety of calls. We are pleased to announce that we have a further 7 new members waiting to be trained. Fund raising initially went very well but as is often the case donations have slowed in recent months. We still need to seek funds to increase our medical kits further- if you can help please contact Trevor. One of our trainee members is kindly working on a web site for us which will help us to keep the community further updated as to our activities.

The types of call we attend vary greatly. We have attended conditions such as chest pains, shortness of breath, diabetic 'hypo', stroke, allergic reactions, fitting, twisted ankle, cut finger and various collapses. As we move towards the winter months we anticipate that our workload will increase further still.

As we do not have many actual responders compared to some areas we would love to hear from anyone who, even if they cannot respond, could help with arranging fundraising activities and obtaining donations and grants. Please contact Trevor if you can help. **Remember- we are unpaid volunteers and the group can only function with the generosity of its supporters.**



### New Ambulance Service is born.

On 1st July 2006 and as a recommendation of the Bradley Report the Ambulance Services of Sussex, Surrey and Kent merged to form the South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust. More information can be found by visiting the new Trust web site at [www.secamb.nhs.uk](http://www.secamb.nhs.uk)

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