

2025 AGM Chairman's Report

Once again, we've had a change in our number with Ben having left to pursue a full-time career in WMAS, and Steve joining in a full capacity. A recruitment drive recent took place ending in January and those applicants are still undergoing the sifting process, but we could have up to another two applicants. will start one again in June and potentially three applicants are waiting in the wings to apply. This puts us in a great position moving forward and will massively impact the number of hours of cover we provide.

From a responding perspective the year didn't pose any major challenges, and neither did the very mild winter that was once again almost completely snow free. We have attended a consistent number of calls; we are still mainly being used on the most urgent "Category 1" calls where our early attendance can make a real difference. We have attended 312 jobs, which is almost 100 up on last year. We have also attended more calls to the East with Steve living just outside Sherifhales. Good SAM has also kept us busy keeping all three of us on call 24/7 most weeks. This has resulted in 19 jobs coming through during periods of otherwise being off call and has had a direct impact on one successful resuscitation.

Our finances are still in a strong position going forward, with donations trumping last year by £3083, bringing the total to £5,547, (£1,112 of which is a direct result from collections at Community Defibrillator Training). Spending has also risen significantly from exactly £2,600 last year to £5,268 this year, a difference of £2,668, largely due to car maintenance. Fuel was once again a major cost at £1,352, up £460 on last year. We have also been awarded a £20,000 lottery grant.

Defib courses are still going strong as they become ever present in our communities. This year I've trained upwards of 600 people, over 70+ hours.

We have also applied for the Kings Voluntary Service award that we will hear a result from in December, this will be extremely useful in both raising our profile and securing future grant funding.


I think continuous challenges will present themselves as we move into 2025, namely response times in general largely created because of the A&E backlog. Looking to the future we've started work to raise £50,000 to buy and equip a new response vehicle, this will mean very low maintenance costs for a considerable time, and a huge (potential), reduction in fuel costs going down the electric or hybrid route. This is the purpose of the money from The National Lottery.

2024/5 by numbers

16,000+ Hours on call. (Including God SAM)

312 Jobs attended.

70 hours of community training provided.



Russell Brooks
Chairman
7th May 2025

Newport First Responder Scheme Accounts 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

2024/2025

RECIEPTS

Donations	4434.86
Donations following defib courses defib courses	1112.89
Millage Claimed from WMAS	1025.17
Curry Night Fund Raiser	350.00
Lottery Grant (Car Fund Raiser)	20,000.00
	26,922.92

PAYMENTS

Fuel	1352.70
General Equipment and Equipment Calibration	951.38
Car Insurance	802.59
Car Service and Other Costs (MOT)	1919.97
Uniform	241.52
	5268.16

Balance as at 31 st March 2024	11,217.27
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Receipts	26,922.92
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Payments	5268.16
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Balance as of 31 st March 2025	32,872.03
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<u>Represented by Barclays Bank Account on 3rd April 2025</u>	32,872.03
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7th April 2025

Newport First Responders Accounts 2024/2025

I can confirm that I have independently scrutinised the accounts for Newport First Responder Scheme, (Barclays account number 00254037), and all are in order.

Yours sincerely,

Cliff Medlicott

Mr Cliff Medlicott
Community Support Manager
West Midlands Ambulance Service.