

## CROWBOROUGH COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS PICKS UP BEST OF SUSSEX AWARD

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Crowborough Community First Responders picked up the Best of Sussex 999 Award this year at an award ceremony held in Brighton at the Hilton Metropole, hosted by radio presenter Ambrose Harcourt.

The awards were organised by JPI Media, the owners of newspaper titles that cover the whole of Sussex, in association with the Sussex Masonic Charity Foundation.

The event was to highlight those individuals or organisations that are going that extra mile for their community, from schools, sports clubs, volunteers, fundraisers and the emergency services.

Finalists attended a drinks reception, afternoon tea and after the presentation of the awards enjoyed a flight onboard the British Airways i360.

Leigh Westwood and Julian Weekes from the team attended the event, where the team won the 999 award category, for dedication and commitment to the work the team undertakes in Crowborough, Wadhurst, Withyham and surrounding areas. Recognising the hours that the team volunteer to respond to emergency 999 calls, the deployment and maintenance of Public Access Defibrillators and running awareness courses in basic life saving skills, such as CPR.

This is the third award that the team has picked up in 2019. Earlier this year the team won the UK HeartSafe Award, and were honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

**Speaking about the team receiving another award, Nicki Pointer (Team Leader – Crowborough CFR) said:** "I am very proud as Team Leader of all the amazing volunteers that make up our team, all of whom are selfless in giving their time to help the community or fundraise for our work. The achievements and the awards won this year are testament to the dedication of the team."

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