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Dear Mrs King,

Newton Flotman & Saxlingham Nethergate Parish Councils

I am writing on behalf of the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, a charity which, as you may know, provides emergency medical care to people who have suffered traumatic or life-threatening injuries or serious medical conditions, such as cardiac arrest. NARS provides this service throughout Norfolk, and all of our Critical Care Paramedics and Doctors provide their services voluntarily in their spare time.

We are delighted to announce that we have just launched our brand new response vehicle to replace our ageing Audi estate car (Medic 22) - which is now nearly 10 years old and has over 90,000 miles on the clock. This represents a great step forward for NARS. It will increase our capability and ensure that we will have a reliable, fast and capable Critical Care Unit available for the next 7 years at least. The Audi will be relegated to secondary duties, but will remain fully equipped and in service. The capital purchase of the new vehicle has been made possible by way of a generous legacy, but it is vital that we keep 'running funds' coming in. We will continue to base our vehicles in Dereham, located at the geographical centre of Norfolk and very well placed to access the A47, A11 and other main routes. In addition to this our individual responders have standardised, up to date, equipment and their own cars are equipped with blue lights and sirens to enable them to respond directly from home.

During the last year, we have successfully fund-raised for, and have purchased, an additional six Lucas automatic CPR machines, together with two advanced monitor/defibrillators. This life-saving equipment helps to make a great difference at the scene of cardiac arrests – our biggest single category of call.

Last year NARS medics responded to over 440 calls, over 400 of these calls were for patients who required critical care also our First Responders attended 450 jobs. These calls were to places all over Norfolk – on major roads, places of work and in tiny villages. These figures alone demonstrate the value of maintaining the NARS service. Indeed, there are many people alive in Norfolk today, who quite literally, owe their lives to NARS personnel.

For some time, NARS has recognised that it can only continue to deliver effective Critical Care services in Norfolk, if we have an adequate number of highly trained responders. We are running an ambitious training programme, which will eventually result in an additional 15 Critical Care paramedics to help the people of Norfolk. It is vital that we raise additional funds to support this programme.

NARS has recently moved into its new permanent headquarters in Dereham. The new premises will function as an operational base for the response vehicles as well as offices and crew facilities. Most importantly, it will be developed as an advanced training centre to provide first aid training for the public and clinical training for our own team.

The building will still require significant further investment to adapt and equip it as required, which will take some time, but this represents a significant step in consolidating the future of the charity and its ability to deliver life-saving services.

NARS receives no funding from the NHS or the Ambulance Trust, so we rely entirely upon donations from councils, individuals and businesses to maintain this vital service. In February 2019 Newton Flotman Parish Council very kindly made a £30.00 donation, we would therefore like to ask the Parish Councils to consider making a further donation to continue to support this life-saving service.

I will be sending, by e-mail, a link to our new website which is now live. Please take the time to have a look.

Yours faithfully

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