



Eastbourne Scouts provide support during the cold weather

The Eastbourne District Scout First Aid Team (EDSFAT) has been out helping the community during the snowy conditions in the last week. In true scouting spirit within hours of the snow fall the team had a plan in place to help out wherever they could.



During the snow just before Christmas and again in the recent snow fall the team offered the use of their 4x4 Land Rover ambulance to assist the South East Coast Ambulance service in reaching, treating and transporting patients in difficult to reach locations. The vehicle was crewed by an Ambulance Technician and a BASICS Doctor from SECamb both of whom also volunteer with EDSFAT.



Members of EDSFAT have also been out in their own 4X4 vehicles transporting vital ambulance staff to their place of work to ensure the service could continue to meet the additional demand on its resources.

As well as assisting the ambulance service the EDSFAT members have been delivering meals-on-wheels to elderly residents cut off by the weather, for some this is the only contact they have with the outside world.

Eastbourne’s District Commissioner Christine Skinner this week praised EDSFAT and its members saying “Well done to you all, I am very proud of what you have managed to do in the last few days”

John Clark, EDSFAT chairperson, says “As a team we are very pleased to have been able to assist the ambulance service and the community during the recent bad weather and would not hesitate to offer our help again. The SECamb staff have been very welcoming to all of our volunteers and we look forward to working with them again in the future”





Eastbourne District Scout (fellowship) First Aid Team
[EDSFAT]



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SECamb’s Director of Operations, Sue Harris said: “We would like to extend our thanks to the Scout First Aid Team and others. The support that we have had from voluntary sector and the general public has been truly amazing and really did make a difference in our ability to get those people who really did need our help.”

EDSFAT is made up of male and female adult members of the Scout Association, from throughout the UK, and provides first aid and medical cover at scouting events as well as teaching adult and youth member’s life saving first aid skills. Find out more at www.edsfat.org.uk where you can also find an online shop stocking a large selection of first aid equipment and hi visibility garments on sale to Scouts, the general public and businesses. The current appeal from EDSFAT is focusing on locating somewhere to store our 2 ambulances. Anyone able to help in this search can contact us through our website.



Scouting is always looking for more adult support see www.scouts.org.uk for more details.