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Mrs J King Clerk to Newton Flotman Parish Council 22 Henry Preston Road Norwich Norfolk NR15 1NU

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. All of our Critical Care Paramedics and Doctors provide their services voluntarily in their spare time.

Over the last couple of years NARS has gone from strength to strength. We have managed to obtain a Rapid Response Vehicle, which has been equipped with an extensive array of advanced medical equipment. We have secured garaging and other facilities at Dereham ambulance station, located at the geographical centre of Norfolk and very well placed to access the A47, A11 and other main routes.

Our individual responders now have standardised, up to date, equipment. Their own cars are equipped with blue lights and sirens to enable them to respond directly from home.

We have fund-raised for, and have obtained, a Lucas 2 automatic CPR (chest compression) machine. This piece of equipment has already helped to save 15 people's lives since it was purchased a year ago. We need to buy more of these.

Last year NARS medics responded to over 500 'red' calls. These calls were to places all over Norfolk – on major roads, places of work and in tiny villages. Our single biggest category of call was to cardiac arrests. 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.

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. We would therefore like to ask the Parish Councils that you represent to consider making a donation to help support this life-saving service.

I will be sending by e-mail a link to a short video together with information regarding talks and first aid courses that NARS can provide to local clubs and groups that may be of interest to you.

I would also be grateful if you could amend the contact details that you hold for us as you may not have the most up to date.

Yours faithfully

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