



SARS team vehicle SMED26 at Felixstowe docks. SMED26 is based in East Suffolk and helps cover the Felixstowe area.

SARS is a Suffolk-based emergency medical charity that provides specialist volunteer clinicians to help treat critically ill or injured patients who require immediate or advanced medical care before they reach hospital. We aim to offer a local resource which can help those very sick patients who can really benefit from the additional skills, experience and specialist equipment of a SARS responder. Our volunteers include anaesthetists, consultants in emergency medicine and critical care paramedics. SARS clinicians can undertake complex procedures including surgical skills and advanced airway management which would not normally be possible outside the hospital environment.

SARS members volunteer in their spare time and offer their service without charge to the patient.

Our charity has operated for over 49 years and celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022. Since being set up the SARS charity has helped saved countless lives and treated thousands of critically ill patients in and around our county.

During the last year SARS has been mobilised 20 times to Felixstowe as well as other medical emergencies in the close vicinity to the town. The majority of incidents that we attended were serious or life threatening.

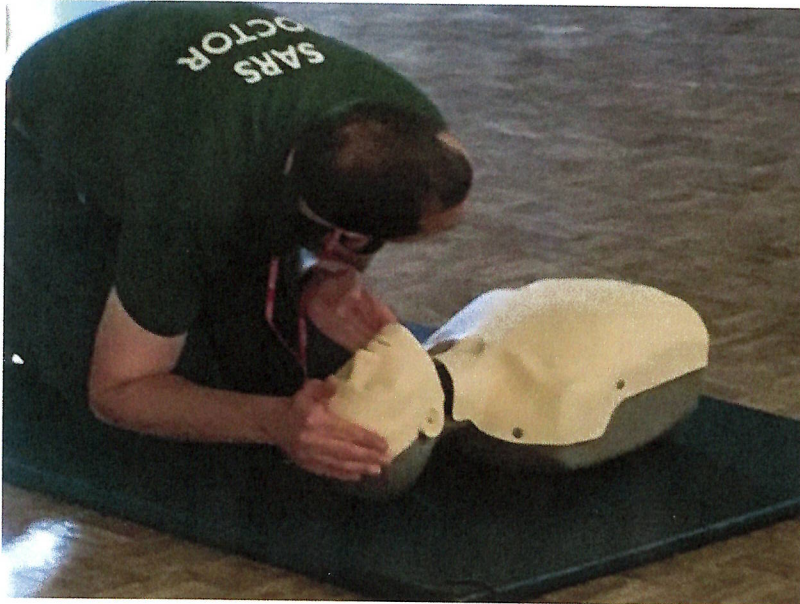
We have local solo responders who cover Felixstowe as well as a SARS team rapid response vehicle which is based in East Suffolk.

SARS responders can make truly life-saving interventions as well as helping reduce the chances of patients suffering permanent disability. Both our solo and team resources carry equipment, not available on frontline ambulances, which can bring additional benefits to patients. This includes ultrasound, automated CPR systems, ventilators and specialist drugs.

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The town council grant, which was gratefully received, contributed to equipment and training costs for our volunteers.

SARS continues to raise public awareness of life-saving skills that can help give patients with potentially life-threatening conditions the best chance of survival. These include CPR sessions with schools and local groups and businesses. Around 25% of SARS mobilisations are to patients in cardiac arrest and we know the value of bystanders starting the "chain of survival" by giving CPR to these critically ill patients. If your group or business is interested in one of these awareness sessions please contact us via our head office (admin@sars999.org.uk)



We have been very grateful for the support given by Felixstowe Town Council over the years. We receive no central government funding and therefore rely on voluntary grants and donations to support our activity. As we enter our 50th year we want to expand our resources further and help treat more patients in the local community. This simply wouldn't be possible without the help of our regular supporters.

Our thanks go once again to the council for their continued commitment to our charity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Hall'.

Ben Hall
Operations Manager
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