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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation of £1,000 from your Masonic Charitable Foundation. We were delighted to receive the cheque from Ken Purslow yesterday at Newark Masonic Lodge.

The funds will be used to purchase a defibrillator to replace an old model that goes out of service this summer. We hope to order a Phillips HS1 defibrillator next week, it is identical to the one we showed Ken at the presentation.

Defibrillators are the key piece of equipment needed when a person suffers a cardiac arrest. Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart develops an 'electrical fault' which stops the heart pumping blood, causes unconsciousness and stops the person breathing. The swift use of a defibrillator can correct the electrical problem restoring the hearts normal action and saving life.

We have been fortunate enough to have successfully resuscitated all the people that have suffered cardiac arrest at events we have covered since starting the charity seven years ago. On average we deal with one or two incidents a year. Our 100% success rate shows the importance of having trained staff, immediately available and with a defibrillator. Nationally the survival rate from cardiac arrest is only 8.6%. Our latest incident occurred at Newark Showground just before lockdown, we are pleased to say that in our last contact with the family the person was progressing well and enjoying being back with their family. We know that our trained volunteers equipped with defibrillators make a big difference – saving lives – we are therefore very grateful for your donation.

I have attached a message sent to our team at the latest incident mentioned above from the Air Ambulance crew that attended which highlights the importance of your donation.

Yours sincerely

Philip Jessop

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Philip Jessop', written over a white background.

Operations Manager



Message from Air ambulance Crew – Incident Newark Showground 2020

Good afternoon, My name is Matt and I am one of the Critical Care Paramedics with the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. I just wanted to let you know of some outstanding care I was fortunate enough to witness by your team at Newark Showground today. We were called by EMAS to attend a cardiac arrest at the event, and on arriving found your team caring for the patient having successfully provided CPR, defibrillation and achieved a cardiac output. Your team were fantastic on scene and I have no hesitation in saying that if it wasn't for their actions, this gentleman would certainly have lost his life, instead of being awake and talking with his family in hospital.

Please could you pass on the thanks of myself and my colleagues Dr Chris Gough and Paramedic Alex Walker to everybody involved for a job well done, outcomes for patients in cardiac arrest are inherently very poor, but doing the basics well and as soon as possible gives people the best chance. You should be extremely proud of yourselves today.
Kind Regards, Matt

Thank-you for your professional approach and brilliant outcome achieved.