

Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust

# Shepshed First Responders



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**Intelligent Energy's Charitable Trust** first launched in January 2019 with the aim to make a positive impact on the local community it operates within. The Charitable Trust supports charitable and voluntary organisations, local to Intelligent Energy's headquarters in Loughborough, which support and aid amongst others; community groups, young people, sport and lifelong learning.

The Trust currently distributes £100,000 per annum and several organisations have already benefited from funding awards, including the Shepshed Lions Club Community First Responders which received £3000 towards funding the lease of a much-needed replacement vehicle.

The Shepshed Lions Club Community First Responders are a group of volunteers who are trained and deployed by East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) to respond to a wide range of medical emergencies in Shepshed, Loughborough and surrounding villages.

The scheme was established in December 2013 to support EMAS in responding quickly to urgent medical issues which arise locally.

The First Responders is funded by charitable donations and sponsorship from local companies, enabling the group to continue to support the communities it serves.

The scheme had previously been equipped with a fully paid for lease vehicle by EMAS. The vehicle is an invaluable resource and has enabled the scheme to grow and deliver a professional, fast response to incidents. However, owing to financial restraints, EMAS has been unable to continue funding the lease. It continues to cover fuel, maintenance, and insurance costs for the replacement vehicle.

A fundraising project was launched to fund the lease of a new vehicle. The main sponsor of this project was the Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust, which awarded a donation of £3000.

Scheme founder, Coordinator and Community First Responder, Bob Lilley, said: *"In these very difficult times for our communities, raising funds is challenging but with this very generous support from Intelligent Energy we have achieved our target."*

*"This donation has enabled us to fund the lease hire for the full three years, together with the generous support of other sponsors. I would like to thank Intelligent Energy as this will enable the scheme to continue for three more years."*

The car has already been put to good use and is very noticeable in the community.

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