

SPEAR

SEARCH AND RESCUE



Our First Event!!

At the end of April SPEAR provided medical cover at an U13's rugby tournament which was a huge success

SPEAR volunteers turned out ready and rearing to go, for the charity's first ever medical event. The day has helped raised vital funds, not only through the donation from event organisers but also through cash donations on the day. Our dedicated team provided cover at Oxford Harlequins under 13's rugby tournament, on what turned out to be a very cold late April day. Two Paramedics, an advanced EMT, a First Responder, a First Aid at Work Instructor and three further first aiders were there on the day, as well a huge amount of emergency medical equipment. The team were kept busy all day, seeing 7 patients in the tent and assisting a few more on and around the pitches. We also received a WHOPPING £125 in donations from generous parents, players and

OUR NEXT STEPS

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JUST GIVING
PAGE UP &
RUNNING

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TRAINING
CALENDAR
ORGANISED

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FUNDRAISING
DAYS

What Have We Been Up To?

BANK ACCOUNT



The bank account has been set up with Metro Bank and money has started to come in

TRAINING



The first medical training day was held, covering; MS injuries, splinting and immobilisation

GIFT AID



We're in the process of setting up gift aid for all of our on and offline donations



visitors!! Raising such a big amount was an extra bonus for everyone who turned out in the cold to help keep the players and supporters safe and well.

For us, the event wasn't just about providing medical cover and engaging with the public however, the team also had a chance to road test the new uniform. We discussed the requirements for our outer layer and are now in the process of sourcing samples to try out. Volunteers also trialed event and medical tent set ups and got to use SPEAR's newly devised patient report form, created by one of our Paramedics.

All in all, the event was a resounding success! The team were full of enthusiasm, passion and new ideas to move us forward. We helped treat a number of patients with a variety of injuries and the event organisers were full of praise for the cover our members provided. Hopefully we'll be covering this event again next time as well as many more in between.

“Excellent medical support for Oxford Harlequins Festival today. Thank you!”



Our members taking a 'shout' out on the pitch

Next Training Session

SPEAR trustees have been working hard recently to get the training structure up and running. As we're still in our infancy and a lack of kit prevents us from doing some types of training, we're focussing on team building and incorporating as many skills and disciplines as possible.

With this in mind, the plan for the next training day is a kayaking adventure in Oxfordshire. We'll mix in some fun on the river with theory on water hydrology and some medical scenarios. It's going to be a great fun packed session so keep your eyes peeled in your inbox for dates and details! Hope to see you all soon.

Quiz Question of the Month

A new feature this month is our quiz question. There are no prizes (yet) but it should get you thinking before the answer next month. If you have an idea for a question, email it to l.hooper@spear-sar.co.uk

Question: Which type of rope should be used when abseiling? Static or Dynamic?

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