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**AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY**  
KENT SURREY SUSSEX

**Restart a Heart Day**

**Information  
Pack for Schools**





# About this pack

Welcome to your Restart a Heart Day Information Pack which we hope will provide you with all the information you need to take part this year.

**Section 1 - Pre-event:** For teachers to access in the lead up to Restart a Heart Day livestream sessions. Use this section to learn more about our charity, what Restart a Heart Day is and why CPR and defibrillation are important skills to learn, even for children. We also have information about the sessions on the day.

**Section 2 - On the day:** For teachers to use with your class on Wednesday 16 October 2024, before your selected livestream session begins.

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Restart a Heart Day 2024



Join us on **Tuesday**  
**15 October** at  
**4.30pm** for a  
special livestream  
**Teacher Training**  
**Session** to help  
you prepare for  
delivering the  
Restart a Heart Day  
activities with your  
school/class.



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Pre-event

For teachers

Section 1







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Thank you for taking part in Restart a Heart Day, helping us to create an army of lifesavers across Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Together, we will save even more lives in our communities.

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**Ben Paul, Paramedic**

Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS)



# About us

Click here  
to watch a short  
film about our  
lifesaving work



We're Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS), your local air ambulance charity. We hope you never need us, but every year thousands of people do. And if you do, we'll be there to fight for your life. We bring specialised doctors, paramedics and treatment to the scene, **24/7, 365 days a year**.

It costs **£51K** per day to deliver our world-leading, lifesaving service. Each mission costs **£4,100** on average.

**88%** of our total income is raised through the incredible generosity of our supporters.





# Restart a Heart Day

Wednesday 16 October 2024

Restart a Heart Day was founded by the **Resuscitation Council UK** and **British Heart Foundation**, along with partners, to raise awareness about cardiac arrest.

It aims to help people learn **CPR** and **defibrillation**, giving them lifesaving skills and the confidence to use them.

**KSS** provides support to South East Coast Ambulance crews across the region at the most complicated cardiac arrests. In 2023 we responded to **273 medical cardiac arrests**.





## Patient story: Colin Harley

KSS Volunteer Steve Harley saved his father Colin's life in 2021 by giving him CPR.

"I've had lots of first aid training, and CPR is one of those things that you hope you'll never have to use. Luckily, I knew what to do when my father had a cardiac arrest.

"These sessions from KSS are a great way of providing youngsters and their parents with the skills that could help them save a life."

Read more about Steve and Colin's story [here](#)





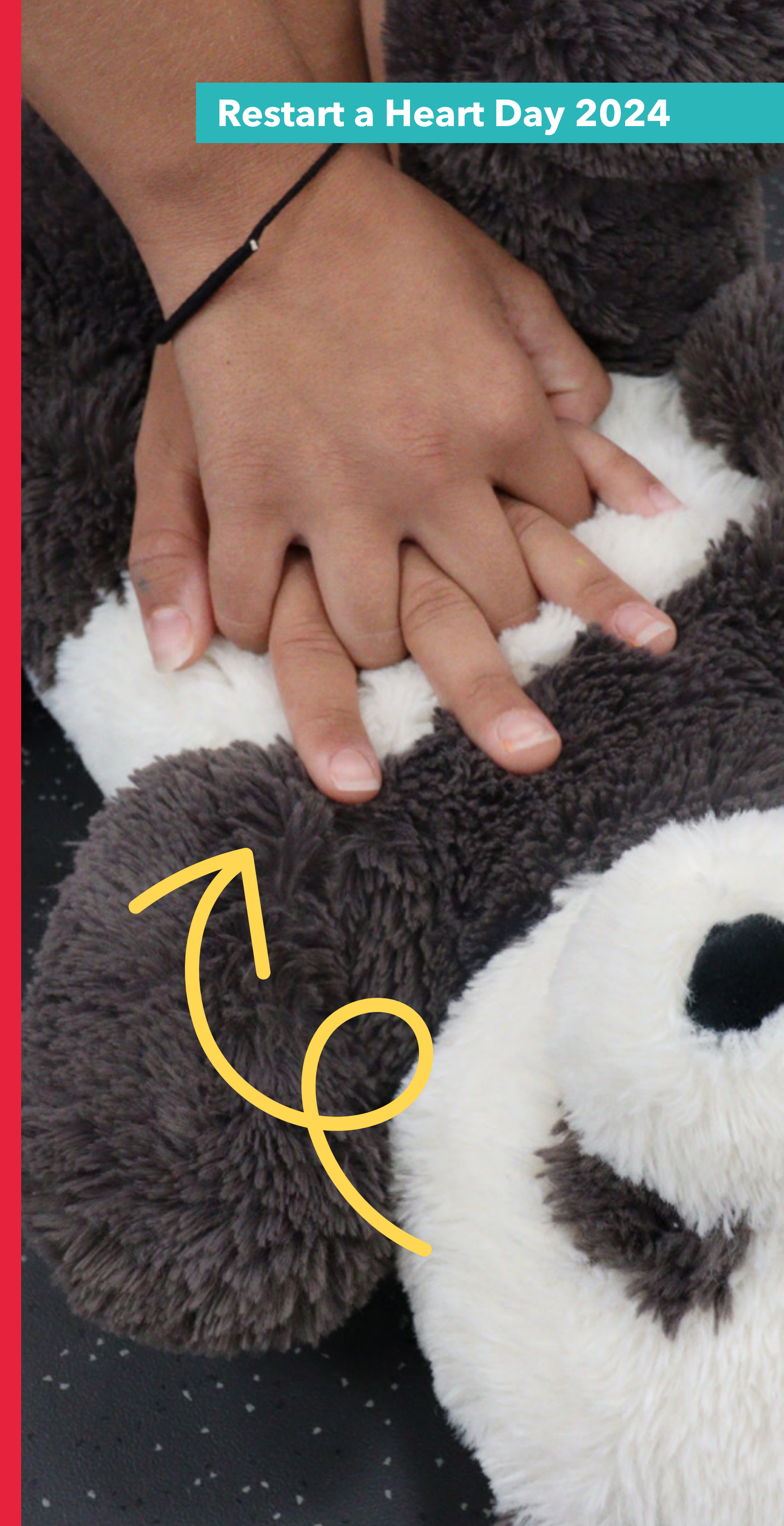
# Giving children the confidence to act in an emergency

Across the South East, around **24 people a day** experience a cardiac arrest. Surprisingly **80%** happen to people while they're at home.

Sadly, only **1 in 10** people currently survive. At KSS, we want to change that. We want more people to survive, and we know that everyone has the potential to save a life. You just need to know how.

It's so important to learn CPR and defibrillation because by starting these lifesaving skills ahead of the emergency services arriving you can more than double someone's chance of survival.

\*Figures: Resus Council UK [resus.org.uk](https://resus.org.uk) and SECAmb Annual Cardiac Arrest Report April 2022-March 2023





## Session info

30-minute livestream  
CPR and defibrillation  
session delivered by  
our expert doctors  
and paramedics

Aimed at **KS1 & KS2** children with fun, educational and interactive content that will ensure your pupils learn the skills that could help them save a life.

Access the **livestream session** by visiting the link (included on next slide) at your registered time on **Wednesday 16 October 2024**.

You can join along too, just ensure everyone **brings along a soft toy or teddy** and there is some **space** for children to practice e.g. a school hall or similar.

**Remember to bring a cuddly toy!**  
**(or a rolled-up jumper will be great too!)**





# Session info



30-minute livestream sessions will be delivered at the following times:

9.30 am-10am  
1.30 pm-2 pm



[Get the link to your session here](#)

You can find lots of resources including downloadable certificates ready to print [here](#).

Please also share the following parent and child sessions available to support this learning at home:

**5pm-5.30pm** Parents and children (Primary)  
**6.45pm-7.15pm** Parents and children (Secondary)

Parents can sign up [here](#), so please share this link.



# Creating an army of lifesavers

Thank you for taking part in Restart a Heart Day 2024 and joining our army of lifesavers.

Last year we trained 17,000 people and this year we are training tens of thousands more. But we still need your help. We want to ensure everyone across the South East is trained in CPR and defibrillation so that they can be a lifeline for a loved one, or anyone else, when they need it the most.

Please share this [film](#) with as many people as possible to help grow our army of lifesavers.





# Share your photos

You can also make a real difference and help us reach many thousands more people by sharing that you are taking part in Restart a Heart Day on social media.

Please take a photo making a heart symbol with your hands. You could share it with the caption:

**I'm learning to restart a heart.  
Can you? It's #InYourHands  
Join me and learn how to save lives!**



Please don't forget to tag us @airambulancekss and use the hashtag #InYourHands

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# Further information

We also have in-person events running from **Tuesday 15 October**, find our schedule on our [website](#).

If you can't join us live, we also have a pre-recorded session that you can access [here](#) at a time that suits you.

If your school would be interested in booking a talk for your assembly or year group to learn more about the work of KSS, simply complete the form below or email [talks@aakss.org.uk](mailto:talks@aakss.org.uk)

[\*\*Book a Talk - Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex\*\*](#)

There are also lots of other ways to support our charity, please take a look at [\*\*aakss.org.uk/get-involved\*\*](https://aakss.org.uk/get-involved)



# Further information

You can also visit the following websites for more information:

British Heart Foundation: [CPR and defibrillators](#)

Resuscitation Council: [How to do CPR](#)

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our friendly Community Team on 01634 471900 or email [community@aakss.org.uk](mailto:community@aakss.org.uk)



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On the day



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Section 2



## About us



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# Giving you confidence to help someone in an emergency

When someone's heart stops beating, it is called cardiac arrest.

In the area that we live, the South East of England, around **24 people a day** experience a cardiac arrest.

It's really important that you know how to help get their heart beating again as quickly as you can, even before the emergency services arrive.

You can do this by learning how to do CPR and how to use a defibrillator. It's quick and easy for everyone to learn, even children just like you.





# Restart a Heart Day



Restart a Heart Day is a special national awareness day aimed at educating as many people as possible about cardiac arrest and the lifesaving skills of CPR and defibrillation.

It's really important that we all learn about cardiac arrest and these skills so we can help save lives.

By taking part today you will join our army of little lifesavers!





# What will happen today?

Shortly, we'll all join a link online where we'll learn the lifesaving skills of **CPR** and **defibrillation**.

The expert doctors and paramedics from KSS are going to teach us all we need to know.

All you need is some **space around you** and a **teddy or soft toy** to help practice.





# After today

After our session with the doctors and paramedics from KSS, we can tell all our family and friends what we've been learning today to help save lives.

We'll also receive a certificate for taking part.

