We requested a grant towards the purchase of a specialist Airway Management Manikin to allow our Members to be trained in Medical Gases and Airway Management. This was very kindly donated and we purchased the Manikin in October 2018 and have had subsequent training, from AlfaMed SECT, trainer Ben Sevellec. We now have 12 fully trained and certificated Members and with further ongoing training we expect to have a further 10 more Members qualified. The Manikin also allows us to continue to practise the skills learnt on a regular basis. It also has a double use as we can also practise CPR, with an electronic devise showing how effective the compressions are, as well as the ventilations and this can only improve our Members skill in basic life support.

The course covered a range of skills using airways, bag & mask, suction (to clear blocked airways) and the use of medical gases.

On Monday 11th March one of our Members was called to the collapse of a work colleague and working alongside the WMAS ambulance crews used the skills learnt in CPR, bag & mask/oxygen and inserting an airway, whilst the crews carried out further treatments. So one instance whereby the training with the manikin has proven to be of great advantage.

We will continue to train our Members and new volunteers in the skills of airway management using this Manikin for years to come.
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