

Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance

and

Worlaby Downhill Challenge 2018

In June 2017 the new Augusta Westland 169 helicopter arrived at RAF Waddington.

Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance charity is one of only three UK air ambulance charities currently flying this state-of-the art helicopter, which is at the forefront of medical aviation.

The new helicopter has 360 degree access to patients whilst in flight, which means that, if required, lifesaving procedures can be performed inside the helicopter.

During the winter months it has the added benefit of heat and light in the helicopter whilst on the ground, which enables patients to be treated in a warm dry environment when being stabilised ready for transportation to hospital.

Flying time has also been reduced, the helicopter is capable of flying at speeds of up to 190mph, which enables a patient to be treated and transported in the shortest possible time.

It is a misconception that the air ambulance just turns up and transports a patient to hospital. All the paramedics can perform advanced procedures. There is a doctor on board and life saving equipment is carried. The new helicopter is also able to carry blood on board, which enables critically injured patients to be given a blood transfusion if required.

This vital lifesaving service requires £2.5m every year to keep the helicopter flying. Thousands of families still have their loved ones thanks to the fast actions and medical expertise of the pilots, paramedics and doctors.

Worlaby Downhill Challenge Weekend supports this very worthy cause.

Most of the money is raised at the Gala Evening together with donations and programme sales at the Downhill event.

A Date For Your Diary

The Downhill Challenge Gala Evening will take place on **Saturday July 14th 2018** at Elsham Golf Club.

Once again, a top class entertainer has been booked, together with our usual disco.

The golf club is able to serve a range of meals which were very popular last year, and of course there is a well stocked bar.

Whatever your taste in music, the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance Charity would appreciate your support.

We all hope that we never need to call out the air ambulance, but it is a reassurance that it is there if we need it. It can only be there if we continue to support it.

Christine Fletcher