Emergency Phone Contact in the event of an Incident

"The following information about how to call or text 112 on mobile phones for UK and International Emergency Services comes to you via the Wellingborough Ramblers newsletter. It was news to our Chair who thought that it should be passed on to Shamblers members:

You can use "112" to contact the nearest emergency centre wherever you are in the UK, European Union or travelling abroad in over 70 countries, no matter which provider you are using.

The number is pre-programmed into every SIM card and "hunts" for other providers, even if you can't get a signal with your usual provider. It will try and connect on any available network. It takes priority over any calls whizzing around the ether and connects you by the fastest provider available. Even if a mobile phone has no credit, you are still able to make a "112" call

If you find yourself at an accident scene without your own 'phone and need to make a call to the emergency services, it is possible to "bypass" someone else's mobile security code, even if they are unable to give you permission to use their handset.

Please note that it may take up to a minute to connect you. If, after a minute, you aren't connected, then turn through 180 degres, so you aren't blocking a potential signal. Again, wait for one minute.. If you still aren't connected, then you can send a text to "112" in the UK

 NB   The phone needs to be pre-registered to use the text service....as follows:

Create a text message with the one word "Register" in the message section. Send that text to "112" and wait for the automatic reply. Read the reply and text the word "Yes" back. Your phone is now registered and you are able to text the emergency services "