



Defibrillator Notice

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The Parish Council has purchased two defibrillators for the use of residents in the event of an emergency situation when someone is having a Cardiac Arrest.

The Defibrillators are situated at;



On the outside wall of no. 1, Park Road on the Springhill Estate.

Outside the school on Main Street in the village.

If you suspect someone is having a heart attack or a cardiac arrest, CALL 999.

To access a device while you're waiting for a responder, go to one of the locations above and call 999 (again). Tell the operator your location and that you have access to a defibrillator. Tell the operator the location of the machine which is indicated on the front of the box. The operator will then give a code to open the box. Remove the defibrillator and take it back to the patient.

The machine is designed in such a way that people operating it do not need any training in its use. You simply need to follow all the verbal instructions given by the machine. By using this machine, you cannot put the patient in any danger or compound their symptoms or illness. It is simply an aid to administer emergency aid if required.

When you open the machine, it will automatically start to talk you through a series of step by step verbal instructions which you should follow. The machine will check the status of the patient and will not let you do anything dangerous. If required, the machine, after giving a warning, will administer a shock to the patient. If the patient does not require a shock, the machine will advise this and will not administer one.

This machine is intended as an aid and not a replacement for professional medical intervention so the emergency services **must** be called in the first instance. The operator will also be able to give help, advice and updates on the arrival of the ambulance and ***it is important that the patient is not left unattended as they must be comforted and given reassurance.***

If you are not confident or just feel you want some re-assurance you are doing the right thing or would like some further information or are willing to give feedback after using one, Council has arranged for two volunteers to be "on call". They can be contacted on;

Cllr Andy Benfield on 0781 367 3858 or Cllr Kim Moloney on 0778 993 8307

These devices are meant to provide lifesaving assistance to our Parish, so please look after them and if you see anything which may cause concern, send details by email to the Parish Clerk on clerk.gupc@outlook.com.