

Defibrillator report to the Parish Council April 2023

The 2 defibrillators at the rec and the hall have been available for use at all times since their installation 3 years ago, except for a short period when the hall one was defective. It was quickly replaced.

Quite a few local people attended training sessions on how to use them and do CPR, but a lot of people have moved in to the village since then. Maybe it is time to arrange more sessions. I have been asked for another session recently. I believe the Parish Council arranged them in the hall, and Vicky Batten kindly did the training.

For information, the defibs are VERY easy to use, they tell you what to do and whether you are doing it right, and will not shock anyone unless they need it. Do not be nervous of using them, even if you have not had the training

I am aware of 2 occasions when the hall defibrillator was taken out in earnest in the last 3 years, but I understand that on neither occasion was it actually used.

I have very little else to say except:

Thank you to the PC for paying for the new battery/pad pack for the hall one, which was installed earlier this month. It should last until March 2027.

Thank you to Dee Urch, my fellow guardian for the Hall defib, and Ty Schlechter who looks after the defib at the rec.

And finally, I hope that the defibs are never needed, but that if they are needed, they do their job.

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