

Northstowe Town Council – Defib

Background

In 2019 the defib was purchased and installed at David Wilson homes. However, it has since come to light that the defib was never registered and the code to open the defib was not known to David Wilson when SCDC were researching into the possibility of purchasing a second defib. In addition, through conversations with David Wilson SCDC found out that the show home was being converted and as a result the path to the show home being blocked off and there was a risk of the defib being lost to Northstowe.

Next steps

- SCDC are currently liaising with the school re. placing the defib on one of the school walls and in correspondence regarding a possible installation date of Wednesday 4th Jan.
- SCDC are also liaising with a company who can service the defib given it never has been used.

Managing and Maintaining the Defib

- Although we plan on having the defib serviced initially going forward maintaining the defibs is minimal although they do need to be checked at least once a month and a report is made to The Circuit (the defib has since been registered with The Circuit and the status is currently set as not available) regarding the state of the equipment, i.e. that it is still operational. Both Over Parish Council and Longstanton Parish Council maintain their defibs in the village. Attached is a defib checklist which could be used.
- The defib which needs relocating is a Heartsine. A Heartsine Adult Pad-Pak which includes a battery and can be used on patients from eight years old costs £94.00. The pads needed are: HeartSine Samaritan PAD SAM 500P and are suitable for patients over 8 years old weighing more than 25kg/55lbs. The current pads will expire on 27/08/2023.

- HeartSine has taken an innovative approach to maintenance items by incorporating the AED electrodes and batteries into one single-use cartridge called the Pad-Pak. The advantage to the Pad-Pak is that there is only one date to monitor and only one item to replace upon expiration or after use. The Pad-Pak has a 4 year standby life or single use.
- The defib is in a protective box which requires a code to open. Users dial the emergency services and the code is given to them. It is important the code isn't widely known to ensure that there isn't any damage, misuse of the defib or so it doesn't go missing. Neither Longstanton Parish Council or Over Parish Council have reported any damage to their defibs.

Future

- In the future a second defib will be required and the Sports Pavilion has been identified as the best location for this.