

Briefing Note : Review of West Horsley Village Defibrillators

Introduction

Concerns had been raised over the ownership & maintenance of the defibrillator (defib) located outside the Village Hall. In addressing this matter, the need to review the adequacy of provision across West Horsley Parish was identified.

Current Situation

The review recognised that defibrillators were in situ at Grace & Flavour and inside the Raleigh School. However, it highlighted the need for clarity around several issues relating to defibs elsewhere across the Parish.

1. Who is responsible for the costs and maintenance of the existing defib at WHVH?
2. Do we already have a service contract in place with SEACAMbs (Ambulance Service)?
3. Does the Parish require an additional defib closer to the A246 end of the village?
4. Can existing defibs in the parish be made accessible to all by relocating outside?

The WHVH defib was gifted by Horsley Countryside and Preservation Society. It currently does not have a dedicated 'owner' and this situation needs resolving.

Emails from SEACAMbs confirm that they do not provide a service contract for our defibs. They periodically conduct audits to ensure that all defibs registered with them are still existing in the right location.

St Marys Wheelhouse has a defib they are happy to have repositioned outside if the associated costs of doing so are covered by WHPC. They currently have a service contract in place via 'defibshop.co.uk'. This service does not include replacement batteries or pads.

Proposed Approach

It is suggested that the situation could be considerably improved if the following actions are taken:

1. WHPC takes responsibility for the ongoing service and maintenance of the WHVH defib;
2. Application is made to Surrey County Council Members' Community Funding Allocation for the purchase of a defib for positioning outside one of the shops in the Bell & Colvill parade close to the A246;
3. WHPC organises and covers the costs of a service agreement for the defibs at WHVH, at the shops and contributes 50% towards the costs for the Wheelhouse;
4. WHPC meets the cost of moving the Wheelhouse defib from inside the building to outside;
5. WHPC sources and arranges the fitting of two new, heated external cabinets for the WHVH and Wheelhouse defibs.

If this approach is acceptable costs will be incurred as detailed below.

Costings

Table 1 below shows costs for an additional defib, similar to St Mary's Wheelhouse, for positioning outside one of the shops in the Bell & Colvill parade. If allocated, Members Community Funding should cover the vast majority of the cost circa £1,000. Any shortfall would need to be met by the Parish Council circa £250. Additional costs (still to be confirmed) associated with installation will be incurred. It should be noted that

Wel Medical is Surrey CC's preferred supplier and their costs are favourable compared to other suppliers. Table 2 shows all other costs associated with achieving adequate defib coverage and its on-going maintenance.

Table 1 NB: All figures are exclusive of VAT.

Supplier	Defib	External Case	Annual Service
Wel medical – IPAD Semi Auto AED	£795.00	£455.00	N/A
Safelincs.co.uk – Cardio Science G5 Semi Auto	£950.00	£420.00	£95.00
AEDexpert.co.uk – IPAD Semi Auto AED	£969.00	£389.00	£119.00*

**AEDexpert service plan includes 10% discount on replacement pads/batteries. AED service package offers the most comprehensive cover including 365-day technical support.*

Table 2 NB: All figures are exclusive of VAT

Item	Cost	Total
External heated case for WHVH and St Mary's Wheelhouse [NB: Defib Safe 2 – model H71025 From St Johns Ambulance – stock expected early Feb]	£505.00 x 2	£1,010.00
Additional costs associated with purchasing the shops' defib that are not covered by Members Community Funding.	£250.00 (estimate)	£250.00
Electrician costs associated with fitting all three defib heated cases (quotation to be obtained)	This is an estimate based on 3 days' work but will need site surveys to understand complexity of work involved.	£900.00
Immediate service for WHVH defib – AED Expert	£119.00	£119.00
TOTAL		£2,279.00
Ongoing yearly service agreement for 2.5 defibs (50% of St Marys)	£119 each Per annum	£298.00
TOTAL	Per annum	£298.00

Summary

The Parish Council should take responsibility for the defib at the Village Hall and all matters associated with it.

Adequate coverage can be achieved with a successful application to the Member Community Fund for a new defib at the Bell & Colvill Parade shops with the shortfall in funding met by the Parish Council.

There will be on-off costs incurred for the re-positioning of the Wheelhouse defib, the purchase of two heated cases (Village Hall & Wheelhouse) and the electrical installation of these cases and the new defib at the shops.

A yearly service agreement for maintenance of 2.5 defibs (50% of the Wheelhouse) is required.

Recommendations

The Council is recommended to:

1. Takeover responsibility for the defibrillator at the Village Hall and have it serviced at a cost of £119;
2. Submit an application to Surrey County Council for a new defibrillator with case purchased from Wel Medical at a cost of £1250 to be positioned at the Bell & Colvill Parade. The Parish Council may need to meet any shortfall in funding estimated to be circa £250 from general reserves;
3. Purchase 2 heated cases at a cost of £1,010 to be met from general reserves;
4. Obtain quotations for the electrical installation of heated cases estimated to be in the region of £1000 to be met from general reserves;
5. Enter into a yearly service agreement for 2.5 defibrillators at a cost of £298 to be met from budget.

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