

Report to Village Committee – 26th July 2021

The Community Defibrillator

The defibrillator donated to the village in 2015 by East Anglian Ambulance Service is now going to be placed in a heated purpose built box in the former BT Phone Box in the centre of the village.

This BT box was adopted by the Community Heartbeat Trust in mid 2015. The Heartbeat Trust are the main provider of community defibrators with over 6,000 locations in the UK.

Working in partnership with the Heartbeat Trust gives us a full package of support, management and maintenance and ensures that we meet the correct legal and safety requirements. The Heartbeat Trust provide full insurance during the 4 year period

There will be a simple contract between the Redlingfield Parish Meeting and the Community Heartbeat Trust for 4 years in the first instance. This will also be signed by the Chief Executive of Mid Suffolk District Council.

Key points to note:

1. There will be an awareness raising session for the village in early September
2. The installation will take place by the beginning of September
3. We are required to monitor the machine on a weekly basis and inform the Community Heartbeat Trust through a weblink. This is a requirement of the insurance.
4. Heartbeat Trust will provide us with all the paperwork we need in the event that the machine is used.
5. We need to think about whether we want to have a list of people who may be willing to be called in the event that there is an emergency. If so, the Heartbeat Trust can help in supporting that.
6. An important question is whether the box should be locked (with a key code) or be secured closed with a plastic tag. A number of people have suggested that speed and ease of access is the most important thing. This can be discussed.
7. The outline costs are summarised on the next page that amount to £2,031 for covering costs for the first 4 years.

The total amount raised in response to my letter to you all on 27th June has raised a total of £3,300 so far.

The remaining money will be completely ring fenced only to be used to support any ongoing costs with the community defibrillator.

Summary of costs for making the defibrillator operational

	£
New pads for the defibrillator (these expired in 2017)	80.00
New battery (normal usage expired in 2019)	176.00
Stainless steel heated cabinet	695.00
Managed solution fee (one off payment)	100.00
Signs for telephone box	25.00
Rescue safety kit in cabinet	15.00
Webnos governance system	free (included in package)
Post rescue counselling	free (included in package)
Awareness raising session	175.00
Installing cabinet and negotiating electricity with BT	200.00
Annual support costs – for 4 years, VAT free	540.00
Postage	25.00
	Total 2,031.00

Essentially these costs cover the first 4 years of operation and include a new battery at the end of the period.

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Chair of Redlingfield Parish Meeting