

Bleasby Parish Council

Defibrillator Training and Support Report

We now have in place

- An operational defibrillator in the old telephone box which doubles as the village book exchange.
- A support team initially composed of Alison Sutherland and Jennifer Sterland.
- A responsible person, Ali Sutherland, who regularly checks the good order of the kiosk and the proper functioning of the defibrillator.
- A number of doctors, or other appropriate medics, in the parish who are aware and supportive of the defibrillator provision.
- A number of interested residents who have already received basic training as have four parish councillors.

We need to now consider:

- The arrangements for the next stage of training made available by the Community Heartbeat Trust (as part of the purchase package) and provisionally booked for Saturday 30th January.
- The repainting of the telephone box with paint provided free by British Coatings.
- Confirming the provision of free electricity supply, thanks to BT.
- Replacing the "telephone" panels with "defibrillator" equivalents. Provision of a parish map inside the box with street names and house numbers/names included to enable the location of the site of any casualty.
- Building up a support group of local people and possibly establishing a management group within the Parish Council's administrative structure.
- Setting up and establishing a local response system (VETS — village emergency telephone system) which allows up to ten individuals to be alerted about an emergency, thereby providing back-up support and speed of access to the defibrillator and patient.

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