

## **Proposal for the Parish Council to consider applying for a grant from the Department of Health and Social Care for a Defibrillator**

Following the request at the last Parish Council Meeting for a defibrillator in Neighbourne, the following grants are available: -

- (a) **Department of Health and Social Care** is currently running a £1 million match funded Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund, aimed at increasing the number of AEDs in public places.

To be eligible for a funded defibrillator you must also:

- Locate the secure defibrillator cabinet on an external wall in an area that is accessible to members of the public 24 hours per day. (The equipment must be installed and registered on The Circuit within 4 weeks).
- Be able to provide an electrical power source to ensure the defibrillator cabinet light and heater operate to keep the device at the right temperature
- Provide match funding for your application (c. £750).

- (b) **British Heart Foundation** are offering free British Heart Foundation funded defibrillators

A limited number of funded defibrillators are available in each annual funding cycle. Applications will be reviewed monthly against a set of criteria so awards can be made to communities that need them most. Areas prioritised include those with fewer registered defibrillators and communities where local health needs indicate a higher risk of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

### **Conditions for applying**

To be eligible for a free, BHF-funded defibrillator, you must:

- keep the defibrillator in the provided cabinet, unlocked and uncoded so that it's accessible to the public 24 hours a day
- make sure that the cabinet has a constant electricity supply so that the defibrillator stays at the right temperature in cold weather and is visible in the dark
- have a clear need for the device (for example, be in a busy location, or where a public access defibrillator (PAD) is not within 200 metres)
- have authorisation from the property owner to install the defibrillator
- register the defibrillator on [The Circuit](#) (the national defibrillator network) within 4 weeks of installation. This ensures ambulance call handlers can see your defibrillator when 999 is called in response to a cardiac arrest.
- be committed to promoting BHF's free online [RevivR](#) CPR training in your community with the resources provided.

**Note:** Both grant providers require a constant electricity supply, this would need to be confirmed first.

**Recommendation:** Following confirmation of electricity to the disused phone box, the recommendation is to apply for the grant funding initially from the British Heart Foundation and if not successful to apply to the Department of Health and Social Care.