Report of the Defibrillator Working Group

January 2025

Annual Support Package – Community Heartbeat Trust

After some protracted correspondence, the Annual Support Package is now in place. This means that we will not have to pay for any replacement batteries, defibrillator pads or rescue packs until the 23rd April 2028.
The final cost of this package was £115.26 and not £276 as we were first advised.
This represents a real saving as, at current prices, it would cost us £253 + VAT just to replace the battery and pads when they next become due. There will also be nothing to pay for any additional pads or batteries should the defibrillator be deployed during this period.

Defibrillator Volunteers

All, barring one of the new volunteers have now completed their induction training and their phones lines have been tested on the VETS system. This means that we now have 16 volunteers plus 2 who are available to provide additional support if the defibrillator is deployed.

Annual Refresher Training:

The last refresher training took place in March 2024. It is proposed that we ask Roxy King of East Coast Community Healthcare C.I.C. if she can provide us with this training once more. Last year she advised that she was unable to accept payment for doing this, so we gave her a gift voucher to the value of £50 which she was happy with. It is requested that £50 is set aside to enable us to do the same this year if she can help us.

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