REPORT OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR WORKING GROUP TO THE PARISH COUNCIL
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Defibrillator

The defibrillator continues to be tested weekly and there have been no issues. However, it is now registered with "The Circuit" which is the database maintained by the British Heart Foundation of all community defibrillators in the country.

Ob December 30th, I received an e-mail from The Circuit to advise me that the East of England Ambulance Service had asked someone to collect our defibrillator in an emergency. No call was made to the VETS telephone number so I wouldn't have been aware of this emergency had it not been for the e-mail notification.

Jenny Kingwell went to see if the defibrillator had been removed from the cabinet, but it was still there and had not been used. I haven't heard of any medical emergencies in the village on that date. However, the situation obviously resolved itself one way or the other.

If someone is asked to collect the defibrillator it is marked as unavailable on the database. Therefore, I had to confirm that it had been checked and was fully functioning before it could be reactivated. This was done within an hour of being notified that it may have been used so it was not out of service for long.

Defibrillator Training:

The annual refresher training is due for the VETS volunteers. I am planning to see if Roxy King from East Coast Community Healthcare CIC is willing to provide us with this training once more. Although she will not accept a payment for this, she has always been happy with a gift voucher to the value of £50 and a bunch of flowers. The Parish Council is therefore requested to authorise a contribution of £60 towards this.

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