

COWLING DEFIBRILLATORS

Cowling Parish Council installs Community Public Access Defibrillators

Cowling Parish Council have purchased and installed two defibrillators in the village for community use in emergencies.

In the UK, around 75,000 people lose their lives due to sudden cardiac arrest every year. Swift access to defibrillation improves survival rates from less than 3% to over 75%.

Community Public Access Defibrillators or cPAD's are being installed across the UK in areas like Cowling, where ambulance response times are longer than average.

The NHS sets a target that 75% of life-threatening calls are responded to within eight minutes. Across the BD22 postcode area only 43% are responded to in that time.

Having researched the subject extensively, the Parish Council purchased two state of the art defibrillators that makes it easy for anyone - including untrained members of the public - to respond confidently and appropriately during an emergency. The devices include spoken and video instructions and are stored in outdoor enclosures, in prominent positions at the Village Hall and at High Adventure.

Registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, callers to 999 where a cardiac arrest is suspected will be directed to the units when appropriate.



Chair of Cowling Parish Council, Philip Boocock (right) with Cllr. Mike Rogerson

Philip Boocock, Chair of Cowling Parish Council said “The Parish Council are pleased to have funded the provision of two defibrillators for the village and whilst I hope that they never need to be used, they provide a valuable asset in the case of an emergency.

I would like to thank the two organisations in the village who are hosting these defibrillators which are located on the wall of the Village Hall and at the end of the driveway to the Cricket/Football field on the wall of High Adventure”.

Further information can be found at the following website : -

http://www.communityresponders.yas.nhs.uk/Community_Public_Access_Defibrillators.html