

Life-saving equipment to be installed in the Parish

The Parish council has recently purchased life-saving public access defibrillators to be installed in several locations around the Parish over the coming weeks.

The devices are very easy to use, as they give verbal commands on how to use them, and can make a vital difference in the event of a cardiac arrest.

New automated external defibrillators (AEDs) will be placed in Tutshill, Beachley, Sedbury and Woodcroft over the coming weeks at locations that are easy for people to access in the event of an emergency. The location of the AEDs will be placed based on advice provided by South West Ambulance Service.

Councillor Nick Evans said:

“Early defibrillation can be life-saving in the event of a cardiac arrest. Public Access Defibrillators are easy to use and by placing the devices in locations around the Parish we can help make sure that local people, old or young, are close to life-saving help if they ever need it.”

Public access defibrillators are now found in most public spaces and in villages where emergency response times can be longer than in built up areas. Those in Tidenham are being part paid for thanks to a £1000 grant from the Forest of Dean District Council.

The new defibrillators will complement the one that is already installed on the old warden’s block on Buttington Road in Sedbury and those located at Wyedean School which can be accessed when the School is open, and mean that more people can access devices closer to their homes in the event of an emergency.

South West Ambulance Service will be providing training sessions in the Parish on how to use the defibrillators. Everyone who lives and works in the Parish is welcome to attend the training, which is aimed at giving people confidence in both basic life-support and following the instructions provided by the defibrillator.

The training sessions will be held on:

Wednesday 31st May 2017 at 7pm in the Tutshill War Memorial Hall

Thursday 15th June 2017 at 7pm in the Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall

Please make a note in your diaries and come along!!