



## Datchworth Parish Council Briefing Note

<b>Agenda item heading: Funding for two defibrillators</b>	<b>Date:</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
	<b>Committee/Working Group:</b>
<b>Why?</b> <p>The parish currently has three accessible, external defibrillators at Datchworth Village Hall, Burnham Green Village Hall and Datchworth Sports Club. In school hours, Datchworth School also has one.</p> <p>All defibrillators are locked so they cannot be tampered with. The machine will decide whether to deliver an electric shock, so the user cannot make a mistake.</p> <p>Cardiac arrests can affect anyone at any time. 30,000 occur outside of hospitals across the UK each year. Currently less than 10% of these people experiencing cardiac arrests in the community survive, but the speedy use of a defibrillator and CPR improves the chances of survival to around 74%</p>	
<b>How (including Time and Money)?</b> <p>We have been offered two partially funded defibrillators by London Hearts/Smarter Society, which we propose to put on the church hall and on the external structure at The Horns pub, with the permission of the church and landlord. The model is: DHSC - Mindray C1A Fully Automatic Defibrillator &amp; External Heated Cabinet with keypad lock - Partially Funded.</p> <p>The cost to DPC is £1500. I propose that we allocate the Trail funding (already received) to this initiative. If we are unable to do this, we could apply for a grant from the magazine fund which, if successful, would reduce or eliminate the cost to DPC. If unsuccessful, I propose the cost to DPC of £1500 is allocated to the capital projects fund.</p>	
<b>When?</b> <p>For approval at the January 2024 meeting and for fulfillment in Feb/Mar.</p>	