Defibrillator Guidance Note

Wolvey Parish Council has arranged for the installation of defibrillators at two key sites within the village. The Defibrillators are contained within large yellow boxes (see left) on the front walls of the Village Hall and the School.

These devices are simple to use and can save lives. They are intended for use with patients who are unresponsive, not breathing or not breathing normally.

Anyone using the defibrillators will be guided by clear spoken instructions once the lid of the device is opened (see below). In any event, a 999 call must always be made and advice will be available from an emergency services operator.

If you need to use a defibrillator follow these basic steps:

* If a patient is unresponsive and not breathing or not breathing normally, stay calm, call 999 and follow the emergency operator's instructions.

* If a defibrillator is not close by send someone to fetch one. The 'unlock' code for the yellow box can be obtained by dialling 999 and giving the four digit number near the bottom of the box door.

* Whilst one person attends to the patient by administering CPR the other should open the defibrillator and follow the spoken instructions.

* The spoken instructions will specify how to attach the defibrillation pads to the patient (paediatric pads must be used for children under the age of eight). The device will analyse the patient and decide whether it is necessary to deliver a shock.

* If you are instructed to deliver a shock, the device will tell you and others present to ensure that you are clear of and not touching the patient (this is very important). Once the shock has been delivered the device will analyse the patient again and tell you what to do next.

If you want further detailed information on how to use the Powerheart G5 defibrillator, visit:
www.cardiacscience.com

If a defibrillator is removed from its box, please contact the Clerk to the Council or any Councillor to arrange for it to be checked and returned. This applies whether or not it has been used.