

Pilling's Heart and Soul Defibrillators in the Parish

Five defibrillators in Pilling



Defibrillator outside St John's C. of E. School, Pilling with two pupils from St John's School presenting the Defibrillator pack to Cheryl Pickstock from North West Ambulance Service. Other people involved from left to right are Peter Bond (Red Cross), Mark Bradley (Bradley's Electrical), Graham Armer (Pilling Parish Lengthsman), Edward Moorat (Pilling Parish Council), and Gillian Benson (Parish Council Clerk).

Amazing Success to Life Saving Appeal

A New Year community campaign to fit a village defibrillator has raised enough to install not one but five pieces of the life saving equipment. Pilling Parish Council launched a fund-raising appeal for a defibrillator in the village to assist in emergencies.

The Councillors were over whelmed with the response and this has seen enough in the way of cash, equipment and volunteers for the instillation of this equipment at five locations:

Locations of Defibrillators:

1. Pilling St. John's C. of E. School
2. Pilling Nursing Home, Smallwood Hey
3. Stakepool Stores.

4. Eagland Hill School Room

5. Reception at Glenfield Caravan Park. (this one was paid for in full by the owners of the park.)

ALL defibrillators are placed to give 24/7 public access in the event of an emergency.

In rural areas, emergency services will inevitably take longer to arrive when called. An appeal went out to residents, local organisations and businesses in Pilling for support and very quickly the generosity of local folk made it clear that more than one defibrillator could be provided especially as Pilling is such an extensive and dispersed village.

It has taken just six months to raise the cash, with significant support provided by the two primary schools.

Five defibrillators have now been installed in key locations around Pilling and Eagland Hill allowing 24/7 public access. Each is linked into the North West Ambulance Service network and has been installed free of charge by Bradleys Electrical of Pilling.

Pilling Parish Council is extremely grateful to all who have contributed to the amazing and extremely successful outcome of this appeal and thanks everyone for their help.

Public “familiarisations” sessions are to be held locally to demonstrate how simple and easy defibrillators are to deploy and use.



Pilling Nursing Home, Smallwood Hey Road



Stakepool Stores, Lancaster Road



Glenfield Caravan Park, Smallwood Hey Road



Eagland Hill School Room

Funding from Grantscape made the defibrillator at Eagland Hill a possibility. This fund was set up after the development of the two Eagland Hill wind turbines by REG Windpower and this is their first round of grants.



New Community Fund Awards First Grants

Three highly deserving local projects are celebrating being awarded grants through the new Orchard End Community Benefit Fund.

The successful projects have each received a share of almost £6,500.

Pilling Parish Council was one of the recipients, receiving cash to purchase a Defibrillator which will be located outside St Mark's Church Hall in case of local emergency.

The primary school in Nateby has been awarded a grant to enable the installation of an outdoor classroom space as part of a larger project to improve the outside space for pupils.

Finally visitors to Eagland Hill will see the pot-holed community car park area improved following a successful application by the organisers of the Eagland Hill Coffee Feast.

Monies for the Community Fund are provided by REG Windpower which operates the Orchard End wind farm. The Fund makes available £16,000 each year for the expected 25 year lifetime of the wind farm.

Ian Lawrence from REG Windpower, said:

“We are very pleased that the Fund is able to support such worthy causes. Not only will the two turbines at Orchard End generate a significant quantity of much-needed safe, clean renewable electricity, but the Fund will continue to assist local initiatives throughout the wind farm’s working life.

We look forward to hearing about many more exiting projects to benefit the local area.”

Groups located within a 3km radius of the wind farm can apply for amounts between £250 and £4,000. There are two rounds of funding each year, and half of the annual available funding, £8,000, is available at each round.

The Fund is being administered by national charity GrantScape. Groups wishing to make an application can do so using a simple online application form which can be found on the GrantScape website www.grantscape.org.uk. Groups can also contact the Fund Manager, Liz Payne directly on 07963 987653 if they would like to discuss a potential project or need help making an application.

The next application deadline is Wednesday, 13th January 2016 with decisions being announced before the end March 2016.