



Report to Town Council

Subject:	Defib
From:	LW
Date:	10/01/2022
For information only	
Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing): Additional defib in town and if so, its location	
Financial implications: possible funding available	
Communications: from Russell Ingham	

Russell Ingham, who looks after the defibs, has requested that we consider an additional defib in town:

AEDs must be publicly accessible 24/7 and be within a 2 -3 min brisk walk away. (data from free, on-line BMJ paper: [Underutilisation of public access defibrillation is related to retrieval distance and time-dependent availability | Heart \(bmj.com\)](#) “while the Resuscitation Council (UK) currently recommend ‘...no further than a 2 min brisk walk ...’.¹² At 4 mph, this equates to a distance of about 100 m. In the UK, most ambulance services consider that a greater distance is reasonable, recommending between 100 m and 500 m, with all but one using at least 200 m.”) The other factor is residential/population density (ie the probability of possible use): it’s not economical to put a public-funded AED into a sparsely populated area. So being realistic, whilst the 2 min walk criteria will probably never be satisfied from public funds we do need AED cover:

1. Nine Acres Rd and Close
2. The Green off Ditchley Rd
3. Ticknell Piece Development

It is also a matter of opinion reference the public perception of an AED placed on the Nine Acres Recreation site (which is why I have also notified the Thomas Gifford Trust.

Funding:

Latest press release (Dec 29 Dept of Health) from the government: namely, that funding is to be made available for the purchase of heart defibrillators:

[Number of defibrillators to be increased with new funding - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The funding partner and application process is yet to be announced but I hope that the council would find a member willing to keep an eye on this so that we can get an application in right at the start. It’s a council matter but I will be happy to assist