



HUNSTON PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR

Dear Fellow Parishioners.

It is my pleasure to present this report to the Parish Meeting relating to the Hunston Parish defibrillator.

As many of you will know, we have a group of 'Guardians' who have agreed to take on the responsibilities associated with ensuring that the Parish defibrillator is always kept operational and readily available.

To ensure that emergency responders (Ambulance / Fire / Police) and others who may need access to the defibrillator, it is registered on a Government recommended national database (The Circuit). This enables Ambulance controllers to access all relevant information relating to the location, status, type and access code for the defibrillator.

In addition to the required details, I have also added the What3Words, three-word reference to the registered details. This reference is also recorded on the Staying Alive app. Although not 100% accurate in terms of the indicated location on the map (outside my control), the text description of the location of the defibrillator is helpful.

The monthly checks are continuing and a written record of the detailed checks are made by the 'Guardians'. These checklists are given to me and I store them for future reference.

I am pleased to report that the defibrillator is fully functional at the time of writing. My thanks to all 'Guardians' for agreeing to assist with the checks.

A box containing scissors, wipes and a razor has recently been added to the contents of the defibrillator cabinet. These are recommended equipment for use when preparing a patient for the application of the defibrillator pads.

Signage showing where the defibrillator can be located has now been placed near to the Bus Shelter and on the Church notice board. A green defibrillator sign has also been fixed to the 30 mph post close to The Cottage. This can be seen from both directions and should assist anyone who is trying to locate the defibrillator. My thanks to Meg for acquiring the new equipment, the new signage and arranging for it to be fitted.

Access to the defibrillator is gained by dialling **999** and asking for the Ambulance Service. If appropriate, the Controller will supply the access code once satisfied that the emergency incident warrants it.

I believe that it is important that the access code is not circulated more widely than the 'Guardians' and the emergency services. The defibrillator has the potential to cause serious injury or worse if misused or if ends up in the wrong hands.

Finally, I would like to invite you to consider downloading the free 'Staying Alive' app onto your mobile phone. This app was recommended by SARS during our initial training. In short, this app has a record of the location of (some /all) defibrillators in our area and beyond. Whilst it may not be a comprehensive record of all defibrillators, it may just have the details of one that helps you to save a life or that helps someone else save your life!

In closing, I invite anyone who may be interested in viewing the defibrillator to learn more about it, to contact me. Please feel free to ring me on 07930-417246.

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