

Parish Defibrillators

The parish council currently has two community defibrillators, sited at:

1. Wickhambrook Memorial Social Centre, Cemetery Road; and
2. The Fire Station, Giffords Lane, Clopton Green.

Each defibrillator needs to be maintained with in date batteries and pads. Both defibrillator batteries will need to be replaced in October 2026, at a cost of £235 plus VAT for each battery.

At its February '25 meeting the committee agreed that, both defibrillators holding one spare set of pads, only one additional spare set of pads would need to be held (Min. WPC.EC.25.02.7.1 refers). The meeting had also earlier agreed that the parish would move to purchasing replacement pad sets suitable for both adults and children. The suppliers have advised that the defibrillators installed have a paediatric switch installed in them, thus the pads already supplied are suitable for both adults and children.

Delivery being swift, and a spare set of pads being held in each defibrillator cabinet, replacement pad sets will be purchased following each use of the Defibrillator, to ensure that pads get maximum useage of their shelf life. Each set of pads costs £70.00 plus VAT.

Powers:

Public Health Act 1936, s.234 - Power to provide life-saving appliances (defibrillators, lifebelts etc.)

Funding:

Safety and Security: £500
Supplies and Services: £750

Recommendation:

The Estates Committee authorises the purchase of replacement batteries and pads at a cost of not more than £500 plus VAT.