Initial Email Enquiry

Hi Derek,

I don't know if you can help me with this. Four years ago the Leckhampton WI decided to raise funds for a defibrillator at  the Village Hall. However they succeeded in raising sufficient funds for two defibrillators. One was placed at the Leckhampton Village Hall and the other on the Exmouth Arms. You're probably aware of this. The funds were sufficient to procure and maintain the defibrillators for 4 years and it is now time for renewal.

The cost of renewal for the village hall is £2160 incl. Vat and £1200 incl. VAT for the additional unit at the Exmouth. The cost includes the supply and replacement of the defibrillator, battery maintenance if required and replacement pads as they reach their use by date or are used for an incident. It also includes annual defibrillator training sessions for the community led by South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWAST). The annual training would be linked to the Village Hall unit which accounts for the lower costs.

My wife and I have personally funded the renewal of the Village Hall unit. Unfortunately, we can't afford to fund both. We feel that the one on the Exmouth is an important resource for the Bath Road area and it would be a pity if it was lost. We also feel it is also important that the local community have ownership of the unit.

Can we have a conversation about how the local community could perhaps take on the renewal of the unit at the Exmouth and its future guardianship. This is quite simple as it involves a weekly visual check to ensure the unit is still functional (it has a light on the front) and a monthly report to SWAST which is one word answers to approximately six simple questions on their website. We suspect that this unit has been used, at least once, as we had to replace the pads recently as a set were missing.

We have contacted SPJARA and they suggested contacting you as well. Please can you contact me to discuss how we might move this forward. I have also contacted Pip and Jim’s and Bethesda Methodist Church. I also want to contact the local traders but I’m not sure the Bath Road Traders Association still exists. Therefore, any contact will need to be with individuals and with the current lockdown situation it will be a challenge. Perhaps, you know some of them who may be willing to help. With your help we should be able to achieve an effective and coordinated approach.

 Many thanks in anticipation

Gary and Kate Blake

My Response

Hi Gary

My initial thoughts are how generous of you to fund the Village Hall defibrillator.

I am sure we can help with the monitoring (guardianship) and would lie to know more about the costs (renewal) to take to the committee.

Can you confirm the following:?

You are looking for £1200 inc VAT or contribution to this, along with others (SPJARA) etc).

This will last 4 years for the Exmouth, at which point it will need renewing.

Renewal after 4 years will be £1200 (plus inflation?) contingent on the £2160 having been paid for the Village Hall defibrillator.

Is the defibrillator covered by insurance in the event of damage?

Are the Exmouth Arms involved in arrangements?

What is perceived to be the lifetime of the defibrillator/when will it need to be replaced, and are there costs associated with this?

You are right that Bath Road Traders are dormant, however I can speak to Danny Watts (Chairman) to see if he will get involved, it seems to me to be in their interest.

Going forward:

1. My wife and I will contribute £100
2. I think the committee will sanction at least £100 (to be confirmed).
3. We are just about to launch a window box event for this area and could make entry contingent on a donation (to be confirmed),
4. We will be distributing our Spring Newsletter soon and we could publicise/launch an appeal.
5. We also have a collection Box on the Triangle which we could repurpose for the appeal.

Let me know your thoughts and if you wish me to speak to Danny.

Even if Danny does not wish to be drawn, I think we could approach Bath Road Traders separately.

Derek Scarborough

Chair

Naunton Area Residents Association

<http://www.naracheltenham.co.uk/>

**Notes of Zoom Meeting**

Defibrillator – Agreed to support, seen to be a worthy cause.
Just Giving – Lucy to set up page with text from DS

Posters in support of above to be produced:
Posters - Bath Road Traders - Text & Graphics
Posters - Members Windows - Text & Graphics
Poster - Notice Board - Text & Graphics
Notice Board - Collection Box
Possible Tie in to Valentines Day? Heart!

An early Newsletter to be produced covering:

Defibrillator appeal

Advent Windows & Santa Trail – Monies raised

Window Boxes
AGM
Membership

**Background**

2017 - Leckhampton Women’s Institute raised funds for 2 Defibrillators for 4 years

2017 – Defib installed in Leckhampton Village Hall

2017 – Defib installed Exmouth Arms – Manager named Guardian

2021 – 4 year lease up for Renewal (£2160 for Village Hall & £1200 for Exmouth Arms)

Insurance not required as should the defibrillator be damaged, stolen or cease to work then SWAST will replace FOC as part of their maintenance package. The defibrillator is leased from SWAST and they take full responsibility for maintenance, replacements batteries, pads, etc. Should the unit itself need replacing then SWAST will do that as part of their responsibilities. The Exmouth Arms provide the Electricity Supply.

Restart a Heart Campaign <https://www.swast.nhs.uk/welcome/defibrillator-scheme/defibrillators>

25th January – Email from Gary Blake

We have about 2 months to raise the funds before the defibrillator has to be removed by SWAST so there is some urgency to the appeal. At the moment the SWAST contact has agreed to hold fire until after this current lockdown to give us a chance to fund it.

Clarification - Email DS

You are looking for £1200 inc VAT or contribution to this, along with others (SPJARA) etc).

This will last 4 years for the Exmouth, at which point it will need renewing.

Renewal after 4 years will be £1200 (plus possible inflation) contingent on the £2160 having been paid for the Village Hall defibrillator.

**Contacts**

Gary (07779672115) & Kate Blake (gary.b.blake@googlemail.com)

SPJARA

Cassandra Phillips - cassandra.phillips@gmx.com

jonathan.moffitt@grattonconsulting.co.uk

Cheltenham Connect - Wendy Ellyatt (wendyellyatt@gmail.com) 07860 474 688

Pip and Jim’s

Bethesda Methodist Church

Bath Road Traders Association

