

Critical Life Support West Swindon

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Introduction:

We are pleased to provide you WSPC critical life support, AED and Bleed Kits across West Swindon. This initiative has been a collaboration between WSPC, local businesses, community groups and charities, with the aim of ensuring the availability of life-saving equipment in our community.

There are more than 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the UK each year. In the 1980s, Professor Chamberlain and the BHF started campaigning to make defibrillators available in public places around the UK. So far, the BHF has helped fund over 16,000 defibrillators in public places and rural communities across the UK.

Many defibrillators don't get used because the public and emergency services don't know where they are. In 2020 it was estimated that up to 70% of all the defibrillators in the UK could be unknown to ambulance services. Out-of-hospital cardiac arrests could occur with a potentially life-saving device nearby but no one knew where they are or how to access them.

So the British Heart Foundation joined forces with the NHS, St John Ambulance, and the Resuscitation Council UK to change this. Together, we launched The Circuit: The National Defibrillator Network. The Circuit synchronises every 60 seconds with the live dispatch systems within each of the UK's 14 ambulance services. This provides the emergency dispatcher with vital data on the location of the nearest defibrillator so they can direct bystanders and tell them how to use it.

[The Circuit - the national defibrillator network](#). Each AED is managed by the individual owners to ensure they meet the minimum operating standards to be dispatched. West Swindon Parish Council will manage the operation of the AEDs, monthly checks will be undertaken by the parish team and Administrator will be responsible for the data input into our circuit account.

WSPC should have a dedicated web site page which includes AED, bleed kits, Pharmacy, Doctors, Dentists, Opticians and Hospitals.

At the start of the project, WSPC had 8 AEDS registered and no bleed kits. Through our collective efforts, I am happy to report the following key achievements:

- **36 Defibrillators Registered:** West Swindon now has 36 registered defibrillators, a significant improvement. Once the additional four are installed West Swindon Parish Council will have 40.
- **24/7 Access:** Seven of these defibrillators are accessible to the public 24/7, ensuring availability outside regular business hours. We will continue to work with local schools, community groups and business to encourage them to look at ways to have their current AED 24/7 accessible.

- **4 Bleed kits** will be located within the new installed AED by the end of September 2024. We believe working with local business we can continue to increase the availability across the parish,.

Confirmed locations for four new AEDS in West Swindon are;

1. **Sparcells**
2. **Shaw Church**
3. **Delta Tennis**
4. **Woodlands Edge Pub**

The installation of these four units is expected to be completed by the end of September 2024, we are just awaiting confirmation of installation dates,

Project Costs:

- **Project budget £11,490**
- **Price per unit** (including bleed kits and installation): **£1447.50 = £5790.00 net.**

Due to successful business, community engagement and grant applications, I can confirm the following;

- **Additional funding £1335.00**
- **Grants: £2000.00**
- **Business Sponsorship; £500.00**

WSPC Contribution £1,955

Consideration are required within the 2025 – 2026 budget, for replacement pads @ £119.00 per unit, per use. A recommendation of £1000.00 to be allocated in the 2024-2025 budget. An AED battery is recommended to be replaced every 4 years.

Next Steps:

1. Installation Dates are currently being confirmed for the last week of September 2024
 2. WSPC will celebrate the success, We will open invitations to our MPS, business and community groups to attend the photo and the local media and press will be invited accordingly.
 3. Information will be available on WSPC web site
 4. Promotional opportunities on social media – Photos of each install, alongside the copy, ensure we collaborate with partners on social media.
 5. Westlea Fire Service have offered to run community AED sessions, we are currently arranging delivery details.
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