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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Planning, Leisure &amp; Environment Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>09 December 2024</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Paula Harrison</b>		
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Projects Update Report</b>		

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## 1. Christmas

- 1.1 The Parish Council team will be setting up a Christmas display primarily at the village centres and gateway points as part of a seasonal decoration. The trees have been handmade using fencing timbers. The displays will be out until the New Year.
- 1.2 The Westlea Fire Station open day is Saturday 14 December, 10.00-4.00 pm.
- 1.3 The staff team Christmas session is Friday 20 December 11.30 am

## 2. Defibrillators

- 2.1 The defibrillators are on track to complete installation in the next week. The team will monitor with a weekly check and confirm checks are completed via the national portal, The Circuit. An additional defibrillator for The Hub at Toothill has been grant funded and supplied and should be installed within a similar timeframe.

For CPR and defibrillator awareness, all Councillors can attend a drop in session we have organised with the Fire Service **Wednesday 11 December** at 3.00pm to 5.00pm at the Fire Station.

For information on the location of defibrillators, a source is The Circuit data however this should only be used as a guide for information as it may not be updated. A copy of the data is attached **Appendix A**.

- 2.2 Bleed kits have been enclosed within the defibrillators at Shaw Village Centre, Delta Tennis Centre and Woodlands Edge and will soon be included at The Hub.
- 2.3 Knife Amnesty: Swindon Police are leading on the knife amnesty bin and work is ongoing with a view to being located at Freshbrook Church car park.

## 3. Community Pantry

- 3.1 The Community Pantry is installed at the West Swindon Library entrance. Surplus food pick up has been initiated at Sainsburys Bridgemoor and Asda West Swindon should follow shortly. The restriction of the pantry at the library is that it needs to be

non refrigerated, packaged and labelled items only. So far, the collections from Sainsburys has mostly included loose fruit and vegetables and in store bakery bread. As a result, the team have reached out to the local churches to see if those that are preparing food might be interested in receiving these types of extra surplus items. The launch of the community pantry will wait until there is stock of appropriate goods. If we do not secure a reasonable supply of sealed, packaged items, we will need to rethink the arrangement with the library and/or find an alternative distribution point.

#### **4. Recommendations**

That this Committee notes the information.