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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Planning, Leisure &amp; Environment Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>20 January 2025</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Projects Update Report</b>		

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## 1. Christmas

- 1.1 The Parish Council team Christmas tree displays were well received. All were retrieved in a reusable condition and most were not tampered with.
- 1.2 The Westlea Fire Station open day on Saturday 14 December took place and despite good weather, the turnout generally was considerably lower in numbers than the two previous years, with less than one hundred children visiting.

## 2. Defibrillators

- 2.1 The defibrillators have been completed and connected to the Circuit. The host is expected to monitor their machine however the team will also monitor with a monthly visual check. The additional defibrillator for The Hub at Toothill is also up and running.

For CPR and defibrillator awareness, we organised a drop in session with the fire service on Wednesday 11 December. Residents who attended gave very positive feedback. We will liaise with the Fire Service for additional sessions this year.

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 The Hub.
- 2.3 Knife Amnesty: Swindon Police are leading on the knife amnesty bin and work is ongoing with a view to it 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. 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 vegetables and in store bakery goods. Any oackaged goods have all been past the *best before* date. Given the short shelf life of these items, we have contacted the local churches to see if those that are preparing food might be interested in receiving these types of extra surplus items. Feedback is that this isn't overly useful to them.

- 3.2 Across the last 6 weeks, there has not been anything from Sainsburys that would have been suitable for the library pantry. There have been surplus items that could be locally distributed in a different way. We have delayed a launch of the community pantry at the library as we do not have a sustainable supply of suitable items. Although we have a designated collection slot, Asda has not yet had any surplus items for collection.
- 3.3 As it is unlikely that we will have a secure and reliable supply of sealed, packaged items through supermarket surplus, we will need to rethink the arrangement with the library and/or find an alternative distribution point.

#### **4. Litter A Boards**

- 4.1 Creating A Boards for litter picking is the next creative project for team. The A Board has been discussed by this Committee and will include litter pickers and bags for one off voluntary litter picking.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 That this Committee considers the information and shares ideas on next steps.