

Scrayingham Parish Council

Defibrillator Maintenance Policy

1. Background

Scrayingham Parish Council has two (2) defibrillator units for use within the Parish.

The defibrillators are located at;

- a) Scrayingham village telephone kiosk, YO41 1JD
(Long/Lat 54.029956, -0.884705 What3words- ///goofy.frog.sleepers)
- b) Poplar House Farm, Leppington YO17 9RL
(Long/ Lat 54.042004, -0.835975 What3words- ///letter.dips.rationing)

Their make/ model is Progetti AED Rescue SAM Class IIB IP54

Both defibrillators are registered on 'The Circuit' - which is the national defibrillator network that connects defibrillators to the emergency services across the UK so that in crucial moments after a cardiac arrest, they can be accessed quickly to help save lives.

2. Why Use a Defibrillator?

There are circumstances where the heart goes 'out of sync'. Being a four chambered muscular pump, it gets an electrical signal which contracts the muscles in order. Fibrillation occurs when the muscles are in a spasm which affects the flow of blood. Defibrillators give a shock to the heart in order to stop the spasms. Sometimes the heart has stopped and in this condition the machine will not allow a shock as the heart is not in spasm. When stopped, the heart needs cardiac massage (CPR).

3. Maintenance

Scrayingham Parish Council will carry out regular checks and maintenance of the defibrillators in-line with guidance from Community Heartbeat and the manufacturer's instructions.

At least monthly, there will be a

- Visual check of the cabinets and AED units to ensure that they are in good state of repair.

- Check of the consumables (batteries/ pads) to ensure that they are usable and have not exceeded their expiry dates
- Function test (self-test) of the AED units to ensure that it is working as it should at the time of the check
- Check to ensure that the consumables are plugged in and that the AED is ready to use. (Rescue ready)

Checks will be recorded on a maintenance log which can be found on the www.scrayinghamparishcouncil.org.uk website. Electronic diary reminders will be set up for the pads and battery replacement dates.

The community defibrillators and cabinets are covered under the Parish Council's insurance for damage and theft. Scrayingham Parish Council also hold Public Liability Insurance.

Scrayingham Parish Council reserves the right to take the defibrillator units out of service at any time for maintenance, cleaning and consumable replacement.

4. Use

The emergency services must be contacted in case of emergency and the defibrillators must be used as per their guidance. The emergency services will be able to provide cabinet access codes, though Scrayingham Parish Council will also advise residents within the parish of these access codes.

5. After Use

Following use, the defibrillator unit will need to be taken out of service for a short period of time to allow for them to be thoroughly cleaned and consumables (pads) to be replaced.

Cleaning the units involves:

- Washing hands
- Applying disposable gloves
- Inspecting defibrillator for any damage, dirt or contamination.
- Removing defibrillator from protective cases, DO NOT REMOVE BATTERY.
- Cleaning all outside surfaces with disinfectant wipes, taking care to prevent fluid accessing ports or battery connections.
- Removing gloves and wash hands
- Inspecting/testing the unit for readiness, put back in protective case and then return to cabinet.