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Community Defibrillator

JW spoke with Clerk of Wield PC who have purchased two telephone boxes and installed defibrillators in both.

Cost of phone boxes £1 each.

Telephone box requires a power source to fuel battery and light.

Wield PC has a one volunteer who sweeps out the phone boxes and checks the door and light every 6 weeks.

Wield had to raise about £5000 but they had a grant from WCC for part of this. Remainder was raised from the community of 200 households

Added to PC insurance at a cost of about £80 p.a. No additional public liability insurance

Process is to call 999. Ambulance service has a list of defibrillators and they will provide the number to open the box. Take defibrillator to patient. It tells operator what to do. Once the pads are in place it will assess whether the patient has had a heart attack. Defibrillator will not work on patient who does not have a heart problem.

Here is a guide to community defibrillators produced by British Heart Foundation and the Resusitation Council

http://www.resus.org.uk/pages/AED Guide.pdf