



# Kingswood Village Defibrillator Awareness Group

## Report to the Annual Parish Meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The Kingswood Village Defibrillator Awareness Group (KVDAG) was formed in June 2017, by David Owen and Prof Gordon Wilcock; reflecting both their individual interest in resuscitation for sudden cardiac arrest, and a joint concern that the use of defibrillators is not well enough understood.

The roots of KVDAG can be traced back to the Chipping Surgery Patient Participation group (CSPPG).

To gain maximum support, KVDAG was set up under an umbrella of established village organisations including, inter alia, the Parish Council, KVA, KVH, KAWI. In addition great support has been received from the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and The South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWAST); as well as the Chipping Surgery and CSPPG.

### Aims:

The KVDAG's constitution sets out the following aims:

- Raising public awareness of the village's defibrillators (defibs) and other defibs in the local area.
- Raising awareness on how to physically access the Community Public Access Defibs (cPADs) whilst under a pressure situation.
- Raising awareness on how to ready the patient in preparation for using a defib, whilst concurrently administering CPR and contacting the emergency service.
- Helping to increase and manage the number of defibs in the area.
- Encouraging other communities in the Chipping Surgery catchment area to similarly raise awareness.
- **KVDAG's role in defib awareness raising** includes:
  - Publicity: on a drip, drip basis e.g. Grapevine note, presence at public events such as Village Show, Church Fete, Parish Annual General Meeting, etc.

- Regular training sessions (at least one per year) from an approved source, covering both how to access the defibrillator and how to use it.
- Identifying volunteers living in different parts of the village to act as local champions on a street by street basis.

## **Achievements:**

In the ten months since KVDAG was formed, the following has been achieved, noting that progress would have been measurably slower were it not for the fulsome support of the village organisations and their respective key members:

- There is now a cPAD located at the village hall, principally serving the hall, the playing fields, the South of the village (Wickwar Road, etc) and the new housing development currently under construction.
- At the Village Show a stand helped raise awareness of defibs and resus, with demonstrations of CPR throughout the afternoon by SWAST.
- The cPAD at the Spar shop has been provided with external illumination.
- Working with BHF a CPR training pack has been made available to KLB, comprising 35 manikins and training DVDs.
- Working with SWAST CPR training has been delivered to
  - All pupils and some staff of Kingswood Primary school.
  - Kingswood Abbey WI.
  - The wider community (at an event attended by approximately 90 people in February).
  - Some committee members of Heaven of the South.
- Working with SWAST and BHF, advice on how to provide cPADs has been given to interested parties in Charfield, Hillesley and Tresham, Inglestone Common; the local Canal Trust, Stroud Vintage Transport and Engine Club (SVTEC), Wotton Bowls club..
- Working with BHF training was delivered to approximately 80 cub scouts in Bradley Stoke.
- A third cPAD for the village is planned and funds are currently being raised, although the project has been underwritten, permitting an order to be placed. This defib will be located on the front wall of the Primary School, adjacent to the main entrance in Abbey Street. It will serve, in particular, the school, Tubbs Turf, the Church and the Chapel, as well as all households and businesses at the northern end of the village (i.e. those located North of 'Round-the-Town'). The school has been most co-operative in 'hosting' this cPAD.

## **Fundraising:**

There has been generous financial support for the projects undertaken to date. Individual donors tend to wish for privacy, but notable other sums have been received from Renishaw, Heaven of the South, Abbey Plumbing, The Parish Council, KVA, and KAWI.

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