

SAVE A LIFE

Elstead Parish Council received funding from the Billmeir Trust for three Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and these have now been installed in the village. They are located at:

The Spar Shop on the Village Green (on the outside wall in locked cabinet) – GU8 6DD

Burford Lodge Football Pavilion (on outside wall in locked cabinet) – GU8 6LA

Thursley Road Cricket Pavilion (building inside in an unlocked cabinet) – GU8 6DU

Defibrillation is one crucial stage in a sequence of events that need to occur for the resuscitation of a victim of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). This sequence, or 'chain of survival', starts by summoning the emergency services as soon as possible. The second stage is providing basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (chest compressions alternated with rescue breaths) to keep the victim alive until the third stage (defibrillation) can be performed.

Advances in technology mean that defibrillators are now available for use by lay members of the public. This type of portable lightweight defibrillator is called an automated external defibrillator (AED). A member of the public does not need to be trained to use an AED as from the moment an AED is switched on the user is given exact instructions by the machine on what to do next. The use of an electric shock is fully automated. The shock is only administered if the AED has identified a life-threatening heart rhythm which requires treatment with an electric shock. The user cannot do any harm with the AED.

To access the AED in a locked cabinet dial 999 and give your location the ambulance service will give you the code to open the nearest cabinet and will help you as required. All three AED locations are logged with South East Ambulance control.

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Clerk or Cllr. Joan Holroyd