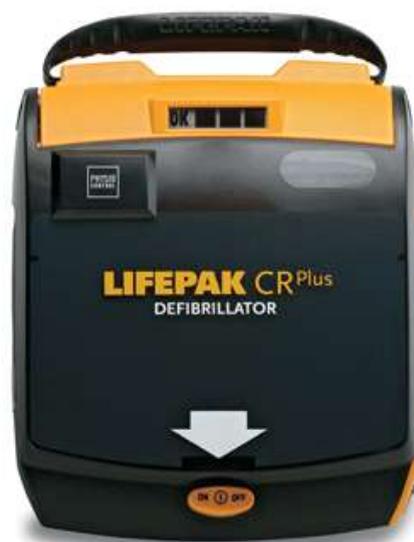


Have you noticed a box like this in the village ?



Are you aware that it contains one of these ?



Do you know what it is ?

And, more importantly, what it does !

The picture above shows an 'Automated External Defibrillator', usually referred to as an AED – It's a device which could help to save your life, the life of someone you love or the life of a complete stranger. It's used when an individual suffers a Sudden Cardiac Arrest, or to put it differently, when there is a sudden and unexpected failure in the heart's ability to effectively pump blood around the body. If an individual suffers a Sudden Cardiac Arrest and the AED is used correctly, accompanied by effective CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), then the individual's chances of surviving increase markedly.

We have 2 of these already in place in the village, one at 'The Venue' and a second outside the Methodist Church Hall. We have a 3rd unit ready to be positioned, when a suitable site can be determined.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO ?

Hopefully you'll never be in this position, but if you do witness someone collapse then **DIAL 999** and follow the directions given to you. If the 999 controller thinks that you need to use an AED, he/she will tell you where the nearest one is and will give you a 4 digit code which you will need to open the AED storage container. If there's been a power failure, the same code will open the black key-safe mounted next to the yellow storage cabinet. The key will open a manual lock on the lower right side of the cabinet. Take the AED to the casualty, open the lid and follow the voice instructions which it gives you. The 999 controller will stay on the line and will talk you through the process whilst an ambulance is on the way.

The village has been able to part fund these AEDs due to the generosity of the Navenby Business Network, Mr David Clarke of DBS, The Town Farm Trust and the Navenby Bowls Club. We owe them our gratitude.

The Parish Council, intend to arrange some sessions to teach CPR and the use of the AED. If you are interested in attending a session please contact the Parish Clerk at the Village Office (811 132)