**SHALBOURNE COMMUNITY FUND - VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS**

We are very grateful to those who donated bottles to, visited and supported our fundraising stalls at this year’s Classic Car Show.

Shalbourne, for a small village, is very well-equipped with three defibrillators: outside the school, pub and sports pavilion. They are provided and maintained by Shalbourne Community Fund (SCF) under the auspices of a national charity - “Community Heartbeat”. In addition to money raised at village events such as the May Day fair and Classic Car Show, SCF, receives funding from the parish council. This goes towards the cost of maintaining, and eventually replacing, our defibrillators, and the provision of training on, eg, the use of defibrillators and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

You will no doubt have heard about or seen the shocking images of Danish footballer, Christian Eriksson, suffering a cardiac arrest at Euro 2020 football tournament. Being young and fit provide no immunity from cardiac arrest which is quite common in UK. You may also have noticed in the local news the immense pressure on the Great Western Ambulance service to respond to emergency calls. A community defibrillator is just another tool to be used to maximise a patient’s chances of survival on suffering a cardiac arrest.

You must Call 999 before and if directed by the ambulance service to fetch a defibrillator. The emergency call centre know where our defibrillators are and will direct you to the nearest one. You will not be asked to if you are on your own as the patient cannot be left on their own. Useful videos are on the British Heart Foundation website on CPR and use of community defibrillators. Also in a video ex footballer Vinnie Jones explains how CPR is best administered: [Vinnie Jones stars in Stayin' Alive CPR video - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56srOdZRXHk). We also have some training kits which you can borrow to use at home to practise CPR.

We hope to arrange face-to-face CPR and defibrillator training in the near future, Covid permitting, please sign up for that when you see it advertised.

The committee are all members of Shalbourne’s community and we meet about once a quarter. We are always looking for new members. No expertise is required, just common sense, commitment and the desire to work as a member of a team. If you are interested in joining us, contact the chairman, Jane Wooodroffe on 01672 870326, For more info about what we do and offer see our site on the village website: [Community Fund | Shalbourne](https://www.shalbourne.org/community-fund)