

Parish Council Newsletter June 2021.

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These pictures show some examples of different community defibrillators you may see in circulation.

Guidelines have recently been updated so refresher courses will be advisable in 2021.

QUESTION: Have you all seen our community Automated External Defibrillators in Grafton, Beckford and Little Beckford?

ANSWER: The Community AEDs were provided by Beckford Parish Council and the first, in Grafton, was installed eight years ago.

QUESTION: Do you know what they do and how to use them?

ANSWER: A defibrillator can be applied to the chest of a casualty who has suffered a suspected heart attack; if the heart is in a suitable state the defibrillator will deliver an electric shock that might restart the heart. However, the defibrillator will not work unless someone does Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and makes a call to the ambulance. There are specific Covid 19 guidelines.

1. Recognize that there is an emergency and call the ambulance.
2. If you are on your own let the ambulance service know and start CPR. Keep going as long as you can.
3. If you have someone with you ambulance control will give you the code to access the defibrillator.
4. One of you should start CPR while the other gets the defibrillator.
5. When the defibrillator is opened it will give instructions for use. Keep calm and follow the instructions.

For further advice you can contact: Resuscitation Council UK.
You can request training from councillor Mantle.



SMARTWATER.

Smartwater kits are funded by the Parish Council and are still available from councillor Nicholds. If you don't yet have a kit please ask via the parish clerk David Roscoe. It would be good to get a few more households on board with this initiative; kits are free to parish residents.

A46.

There are no updates, currently, apart from the information shared by Gloucestershire. This indicates that there is significant upgrade planned for the section from Teddington Hands to junction with M5 when work commences on the new garden town at Ashchurch.

Grafton News.

The problem with the broken sewage pipe in Grafton is now under control and was not the fault of any resident. We are pleased to say walking and cycling are now a much more pleasant experience.

It was necessary to place the kiosk, which houses library and defibrillator, out of bounds for several weeks but the red and white tape is now removed and I have asked for a volunteer to keep the box clean.

We have access to free paint for kiosks which house defibrillators so I will get this and, hopefully, the parish job man will be able to do the painting to make it all look good again.

The road into the village is to have surface dressing to keep it in serviceable condition for the future.



Beckford Parking at Bus Stop and Limiting Disabled Access.

There have been a number of complaints with reference to parking at, and around, the bus stop in Main Street Beckford. The Council respectfully reminds people that it is an offence to park at a bus stop. A bus requires three bus lengths clear to allow pulling in, stopping and pulling away again. Drivers are also reminded that they should not park on grass which the council maintains, or impede access to the bus stop for disabled passengers. Anyone eating or drinking at the shop should be mindful that pavement access is maintained clear for wheelchairs and pushchairs; people who are visually impaired need clear space.

Mowing and Parish Jobs.

Bad News: We have been unable to obtain the service of a lengthsman due to Wychavon restrictions.

Good News: We have been successful in obtaining the services of someone who will undertake some work around the parish.

Within our area you may have seen noticeboards being tidied up with fresh varnish, some mowing being undertaken, work at the Little Beckford play area. Subject to our finances remaining satisfactory you can expect to see other work in progress.. If you note anything which needs doing please bring it to the attention of the clerk in the usual way.

Your councilors are: Martin Spice (Chairman), Lynette Mantle (Vice chair), Diane Colvin, Anne Worrall, Chris Revell and David Nicholds.

The clerk is Dave Roscoe (email: clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk) preferred method of contact.

Any contact should, initially, go to the clerk: clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk