

## Parish Council Newsletter November 2021

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### Remembrance 2021

As in 2020 the Parish Council was pleased to lay a wreath at the group Royal British Legion Service. This year the service was held at Ashton and the poppy wreath has now been brought to the lychgate at Beckford church of St John the Baptist.



### Noticeboards.

You will, shortly, see a new notice-board going up in the bus shelter/ kiosk area. This should make it easier to read Council notices. We hope to follow that by a new board in Little Beckford as we notice that one is coming toward end of life.

Hopefully pictures next time.



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

Guidelines, were updated in April 2021 so refresher courses are advisable now.

**QUESTION:** Have you all seen our community Automated External Defibrillators in Grafton, Beckford and Little Beckford? We are looking to install a fourth.

**ANSWER:** The Community AEDs were provided by Beckford Parish Council and the first, in Grafton, was installed seven years ago. They are all regularly checked by a team of trained volunteers and are registered with our providing ambulance service.

**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.

Recognize that a person has suffered a sudden collapse and has probably had a heart attack. Make sure the area is safe for you and clean your hands. Put on gloves and mask if available. Cover the mouth and nose of the casualty with a cloth.

Check for signs of life without putting your face close to the casualty.

If signs of life are absent call for an ambulance and they will give you the code for the nearest defibrillator.

If you have another person available send them to get the defibrillator while you start chest compressions. Place both hands, one over the other, in the middle of the chest and press down firmly to a depth of at least 5 cm fast, continuously and at a rate of 100 – 120 per minute.

When the defibrillator arrives the mask can be used to safely deliver rescue breaths if you are trained.

The person with the defibrillator should open the box and follow instructions carefully. Do not stop CPR until the defibrillator tells you to do so.

CPR and defibrillator skills should be practiced regularly on a manikin and with a trained instructor.

If you do not have anyone with you make the 999 call yourself and begin CPR. Make sure the ambulance knows you are alone.

For further advice you can contact: Resuscitation Council UK



You can request training from councilor Mantle



## **A46.**

There is no further update on the A46. You can check queries at the address below.

*Should any members of the public contact you about this scheme it would be appreciated if you could refer them to the scheme webpage in the first instance. They can also email the project team at [M5Junction9@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:M5Junction9@atkinsglobal.com) with any further queries.*

*We will continue to keep you informed as the scheme progresses.*

*If you are concerned about accidents on A46 there is a petition which can be signed online; find it on [Worcestershire Live](#)*

## **Grafton.**

Grafton held a village bring and share meal before the winter evenings set in. Although cold, and not as warm as we would have liked, weather was good at the end of August and fine food and wine was shared.

The kiosk has been repainted, courtesy of a grant from Dulux, which is available to kiosks housing a defibrillator.

Grafton has a litter picker kit (cart, grabber, bags, hi-vis jackets etc). If anyone would like to do a litter pick in the village see Nettie.



## **Smartwater**

Smartwater, funded by the Parish Council, has got off to a good start. A good number of residents from Beckford, Little Beckford and Grafton signed up and now have their FREE SmartWater pack. This is not loved by burglars as they cannot tell where items are marked and neither can they remove the marking. Police like it as it is a great help in reuniting stolen goods with rightful owners. To get the amount of cover preferred by the police we will need to get some more households signed up. If you are interested contact a councilor and we will arrange a visit.

## **Grants.**

There are two grants available from the Parish Council. Businesses may apply for a small Rate Relief Grant. Individuals can apply for a Community Support Grant.

The business grant aims to help new and established businesses by helping out with rate relief; individuals can apply for grants to support community based projects.

Apply via the Parish Clerk

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](mailto:clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk)) preferred method of contact.

Any contact should, initially, go to the clerk: [clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk)