

The Tutbury Practice Patient Forum

Community External Defibrillator Project

The idea of this project followed a Community Health Information Event we had organized in September 2014, in which the West Midlands Ambulance Service, WMAS, were present. It was agreed by the Forum members in January 2015 to embark on a project to raise money for the provision and installation of 5 defibrillators for the community of Tutbury.

These defibrillators were to be available to the public on a 24/7 basis meaning they had to be stored in special external cabinets and installed on the exterior of buildings that gave this 24/7 access. By working closely with the West Midlands Ambulance Service, The British Heart Foundation, applying for grants, fundraising, Trent and Dove and various donations our targets had been achieved. We are proud to say that on Friday, 25th November, all 5 units had been fully installed and have been linked with WMAS so are now operational.

The locations are as follows

1. Through the gates / archway at the side of Dean and Smedley on the High Street. These gates are closed at night but never locked so still has access 24/7.
2. Outside front facing wall of the Leopard Inn, Monk Street.
3. Front facing wall of the Cross Keys, Burton Street.
4. Front wall of Kangs Stores, Ferrers Avenue.
5. Front wall of Park Lane Stores, Park Lane.

We wish to thank the proprietors of the above premises for allowing the siting of the defibrillators on their property.

Regardless of having these units the first call is **always 999**. Until an ambulance arrives they will then ask number of questions the outcomes being:

1. If only one person with the patient carry out CPR under their guidance or
2. If 2 people are present, other than the patient, they will give the access code for one of you to go to the nearest storage cabinet, collect the defibrillator and return to the patient. You then follow the instructions given.

At 2.30pm, on Sunday 11th December 2016, there will be a photo shoot outside the Leopard Inn which will be send to the Burton Mail. They have already been to take details for an article and this was published on Saturday 10th December. Everyone is invited to come and take part and ask any questions about the defibrillators.

Finally, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year