

Partner Update for Warminster Area Board

Name of Partner: Longbridge Deverill Parish Council

Date of Area Board Meeting: Thursday 30th June 2016

Headlines/Key Issues:

Projects:

- **Defibrillator – Longbridge Deverill Parish Council were fortunate to work with South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) to have a defibrillator installed in the Parish –**

This was the Press release

"South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) has worked in partnership with Longbridge Deverill Parish Council to launch a community defibrillator in the village of Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are purposely easy to use. Anyone can use them – the machines themselves talk you through what to do, and that, alongside advice from our emergency call-handlers, means that anyone can help to save a life.

Cardiac arrest does not discriminate against age, sex or fitness – it can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time. It can be caused by many things including heart attacks, strokes and major trauma, and early defibrillation for patients in cardiac arrest can make all the difference to the outcome.

SWASFT has launched many new initiatives in Wiltshire this year such as increasing the number of Community First Responders as well as giving better access to community defibrillators by increasing the number available.

As the most rural Ambulance Service in the country, SWASFT plays a huge role in ensuring that communities have access to a defibrillator. It is exceptionally important and plays a huge part in getting people the care they need, immediately – which is what is required in a cardiac arrest situation.

Julia Doel, Assistant Community Responder Officer for SWASFT said: "The first few minutes of a cardiac arrest are absolutely crucial so having this life-saving equipment available, while the Ambulance is en route, gives the patient the best possible chance of survival. The more communities we can support in having their own defibrillator, the better."

Having remembered a Longbridge Deverill WI meeting that Julia attended early 2015, Julia put forward the Parish for the scheme, the Parish Council are fortunate and grateful to all involved to be part of this scheme. A well-attended awareness session took place in May, where members of public learnt basic lifesaving skills, this will be repeated annually. The defibrillator at The George is available 24hours a day, there is one held at The Lakeside Garden Centre in Crockerton available during opening hours."

- **Area Board Grant** -LDPC were grateful to receive an area board grant of £320 to purchase two framed copies of the Coat of Arms to be presented and held at Longbridge Deverill Parish hall and Crockerton School. Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall felt it was the icing on the cake, as the hall now had new double glazed windows and had recently been redecorated. The School is due to receive theirs shortly.
- **Longbridge Deverill Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting** – the meeting was held in May where the following organisations gave presentations: -
 - **Longbridge Deverill WI** – Mrs Daphne Atkinson, president, stated that the WI currently has 13 members, with two new members about to join, they welcome new members. Regular speakers attend meetings, which are held 2nd Monday monthly. They have a skittles and scrabble team and play in the federation league. They visit places of interest and have plans to visit Dents museum and Frome Theatre. They will be selling teas and homemade cakes again this year at the Flower Show.
 - **Longbridge Deverill Flower Show** (incorporating Crockerton and Hill Deverill)– Sam Ramsay, Chair, stated the show will take place on Saturday 13th August, it will always be on the 2nd Saturday in August. Volunteers are welcome on the day, please get in touch with Sam if you wish to volunteer. Please see website with full details and classes www.longbridgedeverillflowershow.co.uk and like their Facebook page ‘Longbridge Deverill Flower Show’. The event brings villagers together. Last year was a great success and they were able to donate funds to The Alms-houses, The Church and Parish Hall, they also planted spring bulbs and donated some to Crockerton to plant. Their aim is to plant daffodils all along A350 through Longbridge Deverill.
 - **Parish News** – Judy Munroe sent her apologies with a report read by Councillor Read – 600 copies are produced at a cost of £137 per month and distributed to every house in the five Deverill villages and Crockerton by volunteers. It contains articles of local interest, Council, Church and social welfare information, local, charitable and fundraising events. To cover the costs annual donations from householders are received and grant applied for from the two Parish Councils. The Parochial Church Council cover any shortfall. They receive many favourable comments.
 - **Crockerton Village Committee** – Michelle Doyle, Helen Treasure and a ‘chicken’ explained that the committee was originally formed for the millennium, but had now become the village committee. Their aim is to enhance the village and bring villagers together by various events such as bulb planting, litter picking, Easter egg hunt, bike rides, quizzes and the newest event a Garage/Drive sale, with 14 householders taking part last year. The event will take place again this year on Sunday 18th September. The Street party is always popular and this year it will celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday and will be on Saturday 18th June. They then handed around a tray of homemade cakes, which were well received.
 - **The Deverills Festival** – Councillor Read presented Julia Williams with a grant cheque for £150, Julia thanked the Council for their support. Julia explained the festival started 2 years ago with a full festival. Their aim is to hold quality events at local venues at affordable prices. This year they are having four events through the seasons, early Mays event, Sarah McQuaid at The George was a sell-out. The next event is Theatre Rush on 23rd July, please see website for more info www.deverillsfestival.com
 - **Longbridge Deverill Parish Hall** – A presentation was made by Councillor Graham Read to the Chair Julie Read of a Framed Coat of Arms, which was hung on the Parish Hall wall, Julie thanked the Parish Council and all agreed it looked rather splendid. Julie explained that the Hall Committee is now made up of a mixture of ages and they now have a website www.wvha.org.uk

and like their Facebook page Longbridge Deverill Village Hall. The hall is here to serve the Parish and is used for Mother and Baby group, Christening and weddings, Zumba, Lego Club, Textile group, meetings of WI and Council. The Parish Hall committee hold events such as Burns Night, Pancake supper, St George's meal and Harvest Supper to raise funds for the continued upkeep of the Hall and they appreciate the support that these are given.

Future Events/Dates for the Diary:

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