

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

To obtain 5 defibrillators by the community for the community in the Melksham Area. Defibrillators are life saving pieces of equipment that any member of the community can use at any time in the event of cardiac arrest. They will all be installed in outdoor accessible locations, with clear instructions on them. The ambulance service will know where they are and they are fully automated so anyone can use them by calling up and getting the access code.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Melksham Town, Berryfields, Beanacre and Bowerhill.
Locations confirmed so far: Melksham Assembly hall and Sainsbury's. Permission is currently being sought for locations as well as providers to install them for free.

3. When will the initiative take place?

4 have been ordered and will be installed when they arrive in late March. As soon as funding is available for the last one, it will take six weeks to order.

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

There were no defibrillators available to the community in the Melksham area and as they save lives they are needed here.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To enable members of the public to save lives in the event of cardiac arrest.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

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7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

Defibrillators cost £1,750 per unit so the total project is £8750. To date through fundraising activities and donations £6014.5 has been raised leaving £2735.5 short of the target.

8. Additional information

Having discovered the need for defibrillators, Mel Scott has led this entire initiative on her own, holding a fundraiser shopping event on November 20th 2011 which raised £400 and prompted publicity and further donations.