

Update on Defibrillators for Wroughton Business Park and Alexandra Park Londis Convenience Store CA&OS October 2025

Good News – Grant Funding

I have now have an offer of grant funding from London Hearts to bring down the single unit cost for combined defibrillator and bleed kit to £999.50. This is a very significant saving against the £3000 per unit allocated by Full Council in May 2025.

In addition to this WPC would need to cover costs for an electrician to connect both of the units to mains power as an ambient temperature must be maintained in the unit to ensure the defib unit is usable. The Londis Proprietor Sathis has been very helpful and is happy to cover the costs for the ongoing electricity supply.

Written landlord permission is now required for both sites and I am actively chasing this. Once secured we can order the units and add them to The Circuit which is an online portal showing the nearest available operational defibrillator unit. The ambulance service are then able to advise members of the public of the access code for the defibrillator unit in any emergency.

We can also purchase additional bleed kits to install into our existing defib sites (x3) for £49.50 each and install signage to denote this.

Free resident training

I have also secured some free resident training which will be run at Kembrey Park. I am hoping to schedule this to coincide with the launch of the new defib units. Please note that Defibrillator training is not really required as the units we have purchased give clear verbal instructions and a shock cannot be administered when a pulse is detected by the machine. It is important that we clearly show this in any communications as the whole point is that anyone can use a defib unit whether they have training or not.

Potential Sponsorship Opportunity

Southby and Co Financial Services have indicated that they may contribute to the defibrillator cost for the Alexandra Park unit. They also contributed towards the WPC owned Maunsell Way unit.

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