



# Kings Hill Parish Council

*Enhancing the lives of the Kings Hill Community*



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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Kings Hill's Second Community Defibrillator**

Kings Hill Parish Councillor, Sarah Barker, unveiled the community's second new public defibrillator last week.

Borough Councillor, Matthew Balfour, kindly funded the installation of two outdoor cabinets in Kings Hill to house the defibrillators already owned by Kings Hill Parish Council from his Kent County Council Member's Fund.

The defibrillator (also known as an Automated External Defibrillator or AED) is located in a secure box by the entrance to the Community Centre. The second box is located in a secure box on the rear external wall of the Kings Hill Sports Park Pavilion.

The AED is available for use 24/7 to anyone in the vicinity who requires it, meaning that more people benefit from the presence of these devices and more lives could be saved.

Sudden cardiac arrest can happen at any time, to anyone, of any age, in any location. When a person collapses in sudden cardiac arrest, minutes count as the patient is not breathing and their heart has stopped beating. Performing immediate CPR can keep a person's brain and heart alive until definitive care arrives but using an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) can give the patient the best possible chance to survive!

When you dial 999 the Ambulance Call Handler will ask a series of questions and should your patient require it, they will identify the nearest available defibrillator to you, and give you access details.

Kings Hill Parish Council is pleased to have this vital lifesaving piece of equipment to serve the community should they need it.

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#### Notes to Editors:

**Kings Hill Parish Council** was formed in 1999 and consists of 12 elected parish councillors serving the local community on a voluntary basis. Parish Council officers undertake the work of the Council representing the community and delivering community benefits throughout the village. We are consulted on planning applications in the parish and work closely with local community groups serving Kings Hill and the local area. The provision and management of allotments, looking

after open spaces, maintaining bus shelters and community building, providing facilities for the community, such as the Kings Hill Community Centre and Kings Hill Sports Park, are just some of the responsibilities carried out by Kings Hill Parish Council. For further information on Kings Hill Parish Council please contact Julie Pilbeam, Clerk to Kings Hill Parish Council on 01732-870382 or [clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk).

