

# **BURTON OVERY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

Dear Resident

## **Burton Overy Directory.**

We are very pleased to be able to circulate an updated version of the Burton Overy Directory. We hope this proves useful for both newcomers to the village and residents of longstanding.

## **Provision of a Second Public Access Defibrillator**

The Parish Council has joined forces with a registered charity called SADS (Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes) to provide a second public access defibrillator for the village. As many of you will know, a defibrillator is used to treat a person suffering from cardiac arrest. The village already owns a defibrillator which is available from village hall. It is stored in an unlocked yellow cabinet located on an outside wall and accessed by the short path to the right-hand side of the village hall. However, in treating cardiac arrest, speed is of the essence and it is clear that there would be a benefit in having a second defibrillator located in the southern end of the village.

The SADS charity has kindly provided a grant of £300 towards the cost of the new defibrillator. The balance of funding required is £1,131 (excluding fitting costs which will be covered directly by the Parish Council). It is planned to locate the second defibrillator on the outside wall of the Bell to the right of the entrance porch, where it will be stored in an unlocked yellow cabinet.

With the assistance of SADS, the Parish Council has set up a 'JustGiving' page, by which local residents can make a donation to help cover the cost of the new equipment. If there is any gap in the funding after the end of six months, the Parish Council has undertaken to cover the outstanding amount. Any excess of funds will be considered as a donation to SADS.

The JustGiving page can be found at -

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/burtonoveryparishcouncil>

*Please help the Parish Council with this venture by making a donation.*

In November 2021 we hosted a short training course in the village hall on how to provide immediate help to someone suffering from cardiac arrest, including the use a defibrillator. Following the success of this endeavour we hope to re-run this course in 2022.

## **New Planters**

The Parish Council has recently been successful in its application to Harborough District Council for a grant to fund 75% of the cost of the three new wooden planters. These will be positioned at the foot of the village signs on the three approach roads to the village. Once the planters are constructed, the Parish Council will be looking for volunteers to help plant up these containers with seasonal flowers and greenery and then maintain them as attractive features at the entrances to the village. Sarah Rankine will be the councillor coordinating this activity. In due course, more information will be posted on the village WhatsApp groups.

## **WhatsApp Groups**

The Parish Council administers two local WhatsApp groups with somewhat different functions:

The *Burton Overy Noticeboard* provides details of forthcoming village meetings and events.

The *Village Forum*, on the other hand, provides residents with a channel for discussing matters of local interest and for informal social contact.

Currently there are 93 participants in the *Village Forum Group* and 78 in the *Burton Overy Noticeboard Group*. These groups provide a very good way of keeping in touch with what is going on in the village.

If you would like to join either or both of these groups, please contact the parish clerk at [clerk@burtonoverypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@burtonoverypc.org.uk)  
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