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Birlingham Village Hall
The Avenue
Birlingham

Dear Birlingham resident

According to the British Heart Foundation, a staggering 30,000 people a year are said to suffer from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) outside hospital, and only one in 10 of those survive.

SCA can happen to anyone, at any age, irrespective of health; when it strikes, time is critical. The shock from a defibrillator, delivered within two minutes of an attack, gives the victim an 80 per cent chance of surviving.

When a victim doesn't receive treatment from a defibrillation the chances of survival drops by 10 per cent with every passing minute. This is particularly significant where a community is out of reach of immediate emergency care. A village defibrillator will go a long way to addressing this situation.

The Village Hall Committee considered several potential installation sites and believe that an external wall of the village hall is the most central and accessible site in the village.

We have now sourced the most suitable equipment, which meets all requirements, for both adult and paediatric use. The on-going costs, which include: maintenance, replacement pads and batteries, are estimated to come to about £1,500 over the next decade. The energy costs are negligible and will be met out of Village Hall funds for the foreseeable future.

Anticipated costs:		On-going costs for 10 years	
Purchase -	£1,498.80	Batteries	£500.00
Installation -	£150.00	Replacement pads (every 2 years)	£940.00
Training-	£358.80		

The Village Hall Committee has already secured £1000 in grant funding, leaving a shortfall of approximately £2,500 of which just over £1,000 is needed to place the initial order. The defibrillator will be a village facility and this is why we're writing to you to ask for your support.

As we're sure you will agree, the use of this type of equipment is increasing and plays a significant role in saving lives. Many villages have already installed similar equipment and we hope that Birlingham will, with the support of you, have its own defibrillator soon.

A donation of any sum will be most appreciated, simply pop your cheque, made payable to 'Birlingham Village Hall', together with your name and address in the Village Hall post box.

We do hope that you are able to support the project and thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Birlingham Village Hall Committee