

CHAPMANSLADE NEIGHBOURHOOD BUDDY SCHEME

Friends and neighbours,

A recent use of the defibrillator has again highlighted what a useful asset it is and how lucky we are to have one. But it is only as good as the ability to collect and deploy it where and when it is needed.

Recommendations are that should there be a suspected heart attack, or someone collapses then you should:

- Ring 999 (the 999 Operator will talk you through the issue and give you the access code for the defibrillator if appropriate)
- Stay with the victim and commence CPR under guidance from the 999 Operator
- Call a neighbour to get the defibrillator....



But who brings the defibrillator?

In times of emergency such as this we really need to be able to call on neighbours who are fit enough to run down and collect it or come up from the pub with it. Do you know your neighbours' contact details? Could you start a Neighbourhood Buddy Scheme?

Buddy Scheme

Wood Lane residents have compiled a list of those who are prepared to be called upon in our location and we offer this template for you to set up similar schemes in your part of the village (e.g. Brimhill Rise, High St East, High St West, Cley Hill Gardens, Forest Walk, Short St. etc.). Keeping this close between neighbours is more likely to prove successful rather than a village-wide plan, which could be unwieldy.

The information that could be compiled should include:

- Contact details
- 'What3words' location for each access point to assist emergency service crews (see Note below)

Participation is voluntary and many are already running something similar with their neighbours, but if you're not and would like to then please consider the template below, it just needs a name and contact details and what3words location to be entered and somebody central (i.e. a willing volunteer) in your particular district to produce completed copies to each household that want to participate.

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In these uncertain times with COVID-19 risks especially to the elderly in our community, a call-out scheme such as this (or something similar through (say) a WhatsApp group) is an easy way to keep our most vulnerable in contact with neighbours when they can't get out themselves or need assistance.

By forming a neighbourhood buddy system, you could help those in difficulty when they are unable to help themselves.

Note

what3words is the simplest way to talk about location. The world has been divided into a grid of 3m x 3m squares and assigned each one a unique 3 word address.

In an emergency, callers have difficulty describing location accurately. Postcodes frequently cover large areas and many locations do not have an address. 3 word addresses are precise to 3m x 3m, so you can deliver a quicker, more resource-efficient response. It's easy for long strings of GPS coordinates to be confused when sharing between different services and divisions. With what3words you can easily share exact locations in just three words when coordinating a multi-service response.



