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To Parish and Town Councils
Eastern Area of Swale

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Dear Parish and Town Councillors

Defibrillators - locations and maintenance

At a recent Eastern Area Committee meeting, Members discussed the importance of maintaining defibrillators that are available for the public to use at various locations in towns and villages. They have been made aware of instances of where there have been attempts to use this life-saving equipment in an emergency and they have been found to not be working due to lack of maintenance. This could have tragic consequences and Members would like to ask Parish and Town Councils to assist with relaying this message to those who are responsible for the defibrillators in their parishes.

With your local knowledge of where the defibrillators are located, could you please get in touch with the person responsible for the equipment and ask them to carry out the following tasks:

- Could they please check when they were last serviced and arrange for maintenance to be carried out if it is due. Could they also set up a programme to ensure they are serviced regularly; and
- Could they please register the details of the defibrillator on The National Defibrillator Database so that an accurate central record is kept of all the equipment in the area, the database can be accessed online via www.nddb.uk and the Community Heartbeat Trust who maintain the database can be emailed direct at nddb@communityheartbeat.org.uk.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this very important exercise which could potentially save residents lives.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Denise Knights
Chair Eastern Area Committee, Swale Borough Council

