

End of project impact report

Grant Awarded: £1,700.00

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Organisation Details

Name: West Bank De-Fib Fund

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Project Details

Project Title / Description: ____West Bank Defib
Fund_____

____To Install a defibrillator on West Bank

Contact Name: _Ian Clough_____

IMPACT REPORT FOR PERIOD __26/07/19_____ **TO** 31/03/19_____

Q1 In no more than 500 words please outline the key outcomes of your project.

The main idea of the project was to install a defibrillator for West Bank and to fund training for the residents in the use of it.

It was also identified that with the provision of a defibrillator would help to reassure residents that in the event of a medical emergency, it would be possible to help sustain life until an ambulance arrived. With the help of the Community Heartbeat Trust, a registered charity which supplies defibrillators, the original objectives were met.

A training course was held and 38 residents attended a 2 hour defibrillator awareness session at Drax Sports and Social Club in January. Further training courses will be held for residents unable to attend the first one and to refresh those that did attend.

Q2 In no more than 500 words please demonstrate how the project has met the Community Development Plan objectives that were identified in the original application for funding.

The project initially was based on myself purchasing a defibrillator and cabinet online, installing it and looking after it. On further research this method was abandoned as I found out about the Community Heartbeat Trust. They are a registered charity that supplies defibrillators. In return for a donation of exactly how much a defibrillator costs (thereby avoiding paying VAT) they have supplied us with a defibrillator and cabinet and they also retain any liability to the defibrillator. With donations as well as the cake stall and tombola, we raised £1109; an amazing amount of money for a small community, which showed that residents supported each other, for what we were trying to achieve.

It also acted as a social for residents who came; it was rewarding to see people talking to each other, especially as some hadn't seen each other for a while.

It was fitted by a qualified electrician.

Each resident has been kept fully informed by delivered letters and they each have the code for the use of the defibrillator, this helps to reassure them and help them not feel so isolated.

It became operational on the 26th February 2019 when it was registered with the ambulance service. There was a long delay from ordering to receiving the defibrillator as the cabinet maker was waiting for parts.

Q3 In no more than 250 words please give details of any additional benefits or objectives that the project has met that were not anticipated/ outlined in the original application for funding.

The original idea was to purchase a defibrillator and cabinet online for £1700. Once I found out about the Community Heartbeat Trust it became apparent that more money would need to be raised. We held a fundraising morning on a Saturday in September . The usual cake stall, tombola, and plant stall, all items donated by the residents. With donations as well we raised £1109; an amazing amount of money for a small community, which showed that residents supported each other, for what we were trying to achieve. It also acted as a social for residents who came; it was rewarding to see people talking to each other, especially as some hadn't seen each other for a while.

We have also accepted the offer of a 4 year maintenance package from the Community Heartbeat Trust so that if anything goes wrong or if the defibrillator is used they will cover it. All we have to do is check it weekly and upload the results onto their dedicated website. Members of the local community will help me do this. As we have taken out the 4 year package then we are entitled to free training sessions every year

We also turned the defibrillator awareness training session into a social as well, by offering tea and coffee for residents to turn up early.

Any other comments on the project and its success:

By using the Community Heartbeat Trust we have acquired a very professional approach to our defibrillator, something that I could not have done on my own. They have done all the governance regarding it. If anyone else turns up wanting to install a defibrillator then please tell them about the Community Heartbeat Trust. Look them up yourselves if only for interest.

I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the local residents for the fundraising event ,which showed that the community was willing to work together. This would have helped to reduce feelings of isolation.

Members of the Southern Area Community engagement form were invited to the training session, to involve them as well, and we thank them for awarding us the grant to enable all this to be achieved.