

Ashton Keynes Community Defibrillator

Located beside the Village Hall main entrance.

**Volunteer Emergency Telephone Service (VETS)
for Ashton Keynes 01793 250211**

Always call 999 in an emergency.

If you need help to collect the defibrillator, you can call or ask someone to call the VETS number 01793 250211 and a volunteer will bring the defibrillator and help with CPR until the Ambulance arrives. As long as you have called 999 first the VETS volunteers don't have to wait for the Ambulance Service to give permission to collect the defibrillator. It won't be used unless necessary and once hooked up to the patient, the unit itself monitors and determines whether a shock is necessary giving audible warnings.

There are currently nine Ashton Keynes CPR trained Volunteers on this emergency number, which is a best endeavour system, meaning if someone is available to help they will do so. Please make a note of the number **01793 250211**.

If no one from VETS is available please be assured the Ambulance Service will be on the way. The guidelines below may help in an emergency when someone has collapsed.

Guidelines

- For a person who has collapsed
 - Who looks a funny colour
 - Who is unresponsive and not breathing
1. Approach with caution, checking for any danger that could affect you - you are important to be able to help.
 2. Always speak and ask "can I help you?" in a loud voice in each ear in case the patient is deaf.
 3. Shout for help to get assistance.
 4. Open the airway. This is done by one hand on the forehead and two fingers under the chin and do a head tilt and chin lift.
 5. Check for breathing for at least 10 seconds . Do this by leaning down close to the face, so that you can feel any breath and look down the body for movement of the chest and abdomen.
 6. No response. TELEPHONE 999 first then START CPR or JUST CHEST COMPRESSIONS IMMEDIATELY
 7. If Ambulance Control think the use of a defibrillator is required they will give you the box combination number *. (The yellow box holds the defibrillator and an emergency kit).
 8. Switching on the defibrillator starts the verbal instructions on its use.
 9. Pads are applied directly to the bare chest. Cut through clothing and remove any perspiration with paper towel provided.
 10. Patient's chest should be kept as dry as possible. Medication patches and jewellery must be removed from the area between the pads.
 11. Pads should not be placed on any obvious medical device like a pacemaker implanted below the skin. Pad must be placed at least 2" or 5cm below it.
 12. If the defibrillator needs to shock the patient, it will give a warning 'to stand clear'. Please make sure no one is touching the patient.
 13. If told to continue with CPR do this until told to stop by a Paramedic, GP or until you are physically unable to continue.
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