



Community Defibrillators

What is a defibrillator?

- A defibrillator is a device for use when a person is in cardiac arrest and their heart has stopped
- It gives a jolt of energy to the heart to help reset it and get it beating again
- Defibrillators are designed for use by anyone, you **do not need** any medical training to use one
- The defibrillator will check a person's heart rhythm and will only tell you to give them a shock if it is needed

How should I use a defibrillator?

- If someone is in cardiac arrest, call 999 and [start CPR](#)
- **If you're on your own, do not interrupt CPR** to go and find a defibrillator
- If possible, send someone else to find one while you continue CPR
- When you call 999, the operator can tell you if there's a defibrillator nearby
- The operator will provide you with the code needed to open the cabinet
- When ready to use the defibrillator, switch it on and it will talk to you, giving you clear, step by step instructions on what to do

Where to find our defibrillators

The Parish Council owns and maintains 3 defibrillators. These are located at:

- The side of flats on Queens Rise, Ringwould, close to the recreation ground
- Kingsdown & Ringwould Primary School, Kingsdown
- St John's Village Hall, Kingsdown

These 3 Parish Council defibrillators are maintained and updated quarterly by Hopkins TAS Ltd.

Hopkins TAS Ltd also maintains the active status of our devices within The Circuit, which links through to the live SECamb dispatch system.

- A 4th defibrillator can be found in the courtyard of Five Bells Pub, Ringwould. This is checked and maintained by a Ringwould resident. The Parish Council pays for any new parts needed.

Our defibrillators have been registered with the ambulance service through the national database and can be found here: <https://www.defibfinder.uk>

This is how they will appear when you search online:

The screenshot shows the Defib Finder website interface. At the top, a search bar contains the text "Find your nearest defibrillator" and "CT14 8HE". Below the search bar, there are filter options: "Available times" with buttons for "24/7" and "Varied", and "Access type" with buttons for "Public" and "Restricted". A checkbox labeled "Only show defibrillators that are available now" is also present. The main content area displays a list of defibrillator locations:

- Five Bells Inn**
Available now 24/7 Public
350 yd Get directions
- Queens Rise**
Available now 24/7 Public
630 yd Get directions
- Kingsdown And Ringwould Ce Primary School**
Available now 24/7 Public
1.0 mi Get directions
- Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council**
Available now 24/7 Public
1.2 mi Get directions
- Kingsdown Beach SOS Defib Group**
Available now 24/7 Public
1.4 mi Get directions

The background of the screenshot is a map showing the locations of these defibrillators in Ringwould, Deal. The map includes street names like "Dever Rd", "Kingsdown Hill", and "Kingsdown Wood". The Defib Finder logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the map area.

Defibrillator Locations

1. Queen's Rise, Ringwold: On side of flats, near to recreation ground access



2. On fence at front of Kingsdown & Ringwold Primary School



3. In front of St John's Kingsdown Village Hall



4. In courtyard of Five Bells Pub, Ringwould



Training Sessions

No training is needed to use defibrillators. However, to increase people's confidence in using the devices, the Parish Council will offer some training sessions in 2024. These will be delivered by Hopkins TAS Ltd, together with suitably qualified local resident volunteers. Dates will be published here and on our Parish Council's social media.

Reporting Damage or Defects

If you should have any reason to suspect our defibrillators are damaged or not working, please report this as soon as possible to the clerk: clerk@ringwouldwithkingsdown-pc.gov.uk

Further information on defibrillators and how to use them can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/557677120/e7524918c5>

here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4FjPn48aG0&t=9s>

and here:

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/understanding-defibrillators-what-they-are-and-how-to-use-them>

SECamb Trust has produced this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=oywaqEXre4c&feature=youtu.be>

And a number of interactive resources can be accessed here:

<https://www.lifesaver.org.uk>