



- *integral to community life*
- *welcoming and joyful in worship*
- *inspiring and loving in our ministry to children*

Letter from Michael Cudby, Church Warden

Many of us, (approximately 80% of the Hightown Community), are now Senior Citizens, some with health issues. The press lately has highlighted the importance of access to a defibrillator when the unexpected happens.

Consider this; you are in Church or enjoying an activity in the hall. Chest pains strike without warning and you fall down. Those around try to help but with no or limited first aid knowledge, they could only watch as their friend slowly slips away. Paramedics are called, and arrive within 20 minutes, but too late to save a life.

Hightown has 5 defibrillator units.

1. Outside unit at the pharmacy, (24 hour access with code written above the unit.)
2. Inside unit at the GP practice, which is only available when the surgery is open.
3. Inside unit at the ticket office at the train station, which is only available when the ticket office is open.
4. Inside unit at the Dental Surgery, which is only available when the dentist is open.
5. Inside unit at the Hightown Club.

All units are complete with instructions on how to use.

However, you would need to carry the unit to the point of use, and as neither the church nor the hall are situated within close proximity to any of them, this poses a problem. At the last PCC meeting, this extremely important issue was raised. We, therefore, must find the money, (approximate £900), to buy our own defibrillator for the Church Hall and nominate a volunteer to maintain it.

What's a wonderful life worth?

The unit at the pharmacy has been used twice so far, thereby proving the need.

God Bless you all, as we rely on His protection.

Michael Cudby [Churchwarden].