

Dear Chairman,

The Derry Hill & Studley HEARTBEAT (DH&SH) group have now established 5 units across the Ward with the latest being commissioned in the Bowood Gate Estate which has already been deployed twice.

I attach the last years approved accounts for information.

We operate as a group of volunteers and have raised funds to purchase these through local businesses, fundraising events and personal donations.

Each unit has cost around £2,100.00 to purchase and install. The annual electricity bills have generously been underwritten by the host sites.

Each unit has a life of between 10 and 15 years but there are annual cost of maintenance for replacement pads (when date-expired or used on a patient), replacement defib' unit batteries and the consumables in the support kits.

For the 5 units, we have to budget an annual cost of over £300.00 for the replacement of these consumables (Each unit has two pad sets at £40.00 each and a , battery unit at circa £250.00 each). We are about to be faced with replacing 3 maybe 4 of the batteries in the next month or so.

The committee of DH&SH have asked me to approach the Parish Council again this year to see if the £350.00 grant made last year from Parish Funds [can be made](#) again. This supports the annual maintenance of the defib' units financially through DH&SH. (Note, Calne Town Council are supporting the purchase, installation and maintenance of defib' units for Calne Town in full)

We believe this is a very important facility to support the welfare of the population of Derry Hill & Studley and ask that your Calne Without Parish Committee consider our request for this small annual financial support.

Yours sincerely,

John Baumber  
Treasurer, DH&SH.