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## **New lease of life for defibrillator at Westbury United FC**

The defibrillator at Westbury United Football Club has been given a new lease of life thanks to The Hills Group. The Hills Group have donated enough money to sponsor the purchase of a new battery for the machine that is held in the Westbury United Club House and is available for use by anyone in the local community when the club is open.

Club Chairman Greg Coulson said: “We are delighted with this generous donation from The Hills Group. Defibrillators, their pads and batteries need regular checks and to keep them serviced does not come cheap. It is nice when someone can help us to make sure we have vital life-saving equipment for our visitors and the surrounding community, if we should ever need it.

“The Hills Group have sponsored us year in and year out since I have been involved with the football club and we are so pleased to be able to put their money towards something tangible that will benefit not only the football club but the surrounding community of Westbury too”.

A defibrillator, also known as an Automated External Defibrillator or AED, gives the heart a controlled electric shock during cardiac arrest. The cardiac science model at Westbury United is fully automatic with audible prompts to instruct how to use. The machines cost over £1000 to buy followed by the costs to replace batteries, pads and to service the machine. The bills can run into hundreds of pounds to make sure this vital piece of lifesaving equipment is ready to be used in an emergency.

### Notes to editors:

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