

December 2016

## **VOLUNTEERS. ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

There are a number of possible schemes to enable us to help ourselves.

1. We have had an offer from South West Ambulance Service to join with Kenn Community First Responder scheme. Volunteers receive training (2x 2 weekends), uniform and equipment to respond to emergency calls to support life until an ambulance arrives.

2. The VETS scheme is run by the Community Heartbeat Trust who supplied our defibrillators. This is a group of people who are happy to get the defibrillator from the cabinet and take it to the scene of a medical emergency in the parish.

3. The Community Road Warden Scheme. Is run by Devon County Council and supports, and where necessary trains volunteers to assist with filling potholes that don't fit the safety criteria for DCC to

deal. Also, cleaning of culverts and drains, cleaning village signs and other minor highway activities no longer.

If you have the time and feel that you could volunteer for one or more of the schemes, please let the parish clerk know.

If there is an appetite to support any one of these schemes the parish council will take steps to help establish the relevant groups.

## **DEFIBRILLATORS**

28 people attended the familiarisation session held at the beginning of December. The parish council have ordered key fobs with the defibrillator cabinet code and these will be issued, one to every household. There will be some spares so if anyone would like a second key fob, please let the parish clerk know. Although you will have the code to the cabinet, it is essential that you don't also forget to ring 999 in an emergency.

## **SPEED OF VEHICLES THROUGH THE VILLAGES**

This is of considerable concern to many parishioners. Highways dept. have been consulted and no engineering options will be funded. Should the parish council fund additional road signs, a traffic order must be in place (supported by the Police and Highways). The cost of a traffic order is in the region of £5k. We are seeking an innovative way of inviting people going through the parish to do so in a way that considers the residents and recognises it as a 'cared for' area. If anyone is aware of any successful schemes elsewhere, please let the parish clerk know.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be on Monday 6 January starting at 7:30pm. Please come along and have your say.

*Shillingford Parish Council*

## **MORE INFORMATION**

Details about the parish council including meeting minutes, agendas and major topic information can be found on the website.

[www.shillingford.org.uk](http://www.shillingford.org.uk)

## **QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?**

Any comments or questions for the parish council please contact the clerk.

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