

## **The Club Cricket Charity and ECB – Defibrillator Offer**

The Club Cricket Charity and ECB are delighted to announce that the Second Phase of its Defibrillator Supply project is now available to cricket clubs and organisations. The Club Cricket Charity is the charitable arm of the National Cricket Conference.

The offer is for the supply of a portable AED unit at a cost of 500, or, if required, the unit and a self-monitoring mounted cabinet for 915. The Club Cricket Charity will pay the difference on behalf of ECB. This highly discounted offer includes training, insurance cover for loss or damage as well as personal liability, stress counselling post event, and registration with local emergency services.

The offer is fulfilled by The Community Heartbeat Trust under their 'Managed Solution' scheme which was successfully deployed during 2018 with 104 clubs and teams receiving portable units.

A cardiac arrest (the stoppage of the heart muscle) can be triggered by many factors: a heart attack; an undiagnosed heart condition; a ball hitting batsman or fielder in the chest or on the head. It can affect any age group from teenage to pensioner, and all between; player and spectator alike. This can be fatal if treatment is not commenced within five minutes of the collapse of the patient.

Many cricket teams play on cricket fields where professional help may not arrive within this very short timescale, but there is a potential solution by using the portable defibrillator - which gives an electric shock to 'reboot' the heart - whilst awaiting professional help.

The wall mounted cabinet is the latest design which automatically monitors and remotely reports the readiness of the unit for use while also recording its usage.

We all hope that this piece of equipment never needs to be used, but there is ample evidence that it saves lives.

To reply to this offer please initially send a request for an application form to [enquiries@theclubcricketcharity.org](mailto:enquiries@theclubcricketcharity.org) giving the name of your club and its rough location. The process should take no more than three weeks to fulfil for delivery, then an appointment will be arranged for the training session.