

MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL
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COMMITTEE: Maulden Parish Council
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SUBJECT: Defibrillator report for July 2026

I conducted a check on the parish council-owned defibrillators at the Village Hall, Budgens, Hilsons and Cinnamon Bakery (formerly "Pinky's") on 23rd July 2026. In all cases, the equipment is complete and in working order.

I recorded 9v/PP3 battery levels as below:-

Cinnamon	9.15v
Hilsons	9.19v
Budgens	8.62v
Village Hall	5.22v

Despite the low level of the 9v/PP3 battery at the village hall, it still reported "battery pack ok". However, given my experience of an "ok" report followed soon after by a completely dead battery, I swapped the lithium battery for a new alkaline battery and retested "ok". The lithium battery is in the prep-kit. I will order replacement lithium batteries for the village hall and Budgens in the coming days.

TRAINING

The previous defibs courses were free through the EAAA but they've not been answering requests to organise more, hence the struggle to organise it.

It's easier and more cost-effective for MPC to organise a course locally, and offer places to anyone who wishes to book as happened with the First Aid At Work certification last year which was at the Village Hall.

The clerk has just had information back from the company MPC used then who were excellent, and they have a choice of four basic life saving with AED (defibs) courses – this time MPC will probably have to pay for the hire of the hall too which is £12ph:

BLS & AED 2.5hrs £345 for max 12 people + £36 hall hire, total £381 = £31.75pp

BLS & AED adult & paediatric 3.5hrs £420 for max 12 people + £48 hall hire, total £468 = £39pp

BLS, AED & anaphylaxis 3hrs £375 for max 12 people + £48 hall hire, total £423 = £35.25pp

BLS, AED & anaphylaxis adult & paediatric 4hrs £445 for max 12 people + £60 hall hire, total £505 = £42.9pp

When MPC did the free defibs course there were quite a lot of people who took up the training, it was about 20.

At the First Aid course there were 12 places available at a total cost of £575. There were 4 MPC people, 1 WI person that MPC covered the cost for as they're willing to be called on as a volunteer, and only 2 places were sold at £48 each even though the clerk advertised it widely, so Cllrs would have to decide whether to charge this time.