



## Defibrillator Training

A number of residents have written in to say they were disappointed to have to miss the training session for the new Defibrillator equipment installed in the telephone box in Tape Lane in October.

Mrs Debra McGrail, Head teacher at the St Nicholas Primary School, is running a training session for the school staff on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the school hall as the school now has defibrillator equipment at the school..

Anyone in the community who is interested is most welcome to go along to this session.

## A Scam Warning

A couple from Hurst had £4,000 stolen from their account after they were hit by a courier scam.

As Christmas approaches people are urged not to accept any surprise gifts or packages, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the package.

The scam in Hurst began with a phone call to the house asking if someone would be in to accept a package requiring a signature from a company called Express Couriers.

The caller said the package would be delivered in about an hour and a courier duly arrived with a basket of flowers and a bottle of wine.

### **Victim:** *"Intrigued, I inquired as to who the sender was."*

In a report of the incident one of the victims said: "I was very surprised since there was no special occasion or holiday, and I certainly didn't expect anything like it.

"Intrigued, I inquired as to who the sender was."

The courier replied they were only delivering and did not know who the sender was and that a card would be sent separately. Such a card never arrived.

The courier explained that as the delivery contained alcohol a £3.50 verification charge needed to be paid to prove it had been delivered to an adult and not just left on a doorstep.

The courier would not accept a cash payment and said it had to be done by card to ensure everything was accounted for and said not using cash kept couriers safe.

### **Courier:** *"Not using cash keeps us safe."*

The victims were asked to swipe the card on a small card machine and to enter a PIN, they received a receipt for the transaction.

The courier wished them a good day and left.

The victim said: "To our horrible surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, £4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines.

"Apparently the 'mobile credit card machine', which the deliveryman carried now had all the info necessary to create a "dummy" card with all our card details including the PIN number."

People should make sure they never give out credit or debit card information except when they themselves have initiated the transaction.

When receiving gifts and parcels people should **never** accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no identification of whom the sender is.