

Well it's been a very strange few months at Heyswood in these unprecedented times. I'm sure the wildlife has enjoyed not being disturbed but we are keen to get back to using our amazing campsite and facilities.

We are grateful to several volunteers who have managed to complete a few tasks while still maintaining social distancing and we would be happy to welcome more help for a variety of tasks - something to suit everyone! Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are able to help - other members of your social bubble are welcome too.



Thanks to generous donations of Jack Petchey Leader Award Grants we have been able to complete a few projects to improve our facilities.

### Water taps

We have been able to extend water pipes towards the East hut and add extra taps. As well as making it closer for girls camping at that end of the of the site to carry water as needed, it is also safer to have easier availability when campfires are held in that direction.

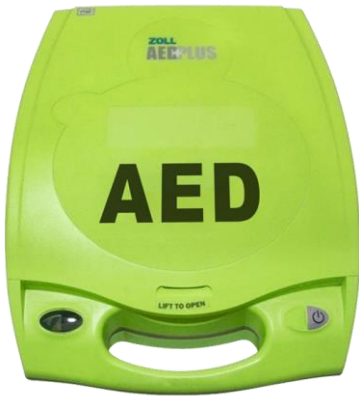


### Shelters

We have also been able to purchase a couple of extra pop up gazebos and event shelters which can be used for a variety of occasions, especially in the current circumstances when outdoor meetings are permitted.

## Defibrillator

We have been able to install a ZOLL Fully Automatic AED Plus Defibrillator. This is now located in a highly visible outdoor cabinet on the outside of



the shop adjacent to the car park. It comes equipped with adult pads and also has paediatric pads for use on children under 8. We hope it is an addition which we never have to use but it is reassuring to know that it will be available if ever needed. Being fully automatic it talks the user clearly through what needs to be done and how to use the unit, basing actions required on continued assessments of the patient.



Although a fully automatic defibrillator is very straightforward to use it could be useful to feel familiar with the operation should an emergency occur so you may wish to watch the demonstration videos

available on YouTube to familiarise yourself with the system and once Covid restrictions allow we will arrange training sessions.



**Himalayan Balsam** has grown in abundance again towards the end of the summer having had free reign during the earlier months but much of it has again been removed by volunteers - a task we need to keep on top of

**'Tackle a task'** - WANTED - small task teams either from same household or able to socially distance  
If you can spare a couple of hours to help out at Heyswood, please email Christine Donovan at [cc@girlguiding-glw.org.uk](mailto:cc@girlguiding-glw.org.uk)



Many thanks to all of our supporters who have paid their subs, especially this year when our fundraising activities have not been able to take place. We are particularly grateful to those who have paid to become Life members, however to ensure continuity we need to encourage more supporters to become members so if you know someone who you think would like to support us please put them in touch or pass on our membership form.

Gift Aid - finally we are especially grateful to those members who are taxpayers and have enabled us to claim back gift aid on their subscriptions which has brought in over £370 this year (some of it back dated!)

Finally, does anyone know Ian Love or Aubrey and John Burton who have supported us but not given their contact details so we can't send them this newsletter to keep them in touch

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