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LIFE SAVING DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLED IN TORPOINT

A defibrillator for use by the community in the event of a cardiac emergency was officially opened today at Clifford Motors, (The Esso Garage) in Torpoint.

A defibrillator is a lifesaving machine that is used on someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest, and can be used by anybody without training. It only works if the patient requires it, and once activated the machine provides verbal instructions.

The chances of survival from a person suffering sudden cardiac arrest decreases by ten per cent per minute. Defibrillators need to be used on a patient extremely quickly to give the patient the best chances of survival, and until the emergency services arrive on the scene.

The area around Antony Road has a high footfall and passing traffic and the location of Clifford Motors (The Esso Garage) is a site that is highly visible and accessible. The Town Council felt that the purchase of a defibrillator was imperative to increase the safety of its residents and visitors.

Town Mayor Mr Michael Pearn MBE said, "On behalf of the Town Council I am delighted to see a defibrillator installed in Torpoint. We are very grateful to Rob Clifford for allowing this life-saving kit to be installed at the petrol station." He added, "I hope the machine is never needed, but our job now is to ensure that everyone knows it is available in the case of an emergency."

The Heartsine Samaritan defibrillator is wall-mounted within the petrol station and available for use between the hours of:

Monday to Saturday 0700- 2200

Sunday 0800 -2200

Specific defibrillator training can be arranged for anyone interested, please contact the Town Council for more information.

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Torpoint Town Mayor Mike Pearn MBE, Rob Clifford - Clifford Motors, Kevin Mcsherry - South West Ambulance Trust, Steve Sadler – Cornwall Fire & Rescue, Councillors Rose Southworth and Lambert Keise, Milly Southworth – Assistant Town Clerk, Torpoint Town Council.

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Notes for editors

Torpoint, with a population of almost 8,000 lies at the mouth of the river Tamar, Cornwall, opposite Devonport dockyard and the city of Plymouth. The river is crossed by three chain ferries, which carry cars, buses, trucks and pedestrians across the 500 yard wide tidal estuary. Torpoint is the Gateway of South East Cornwall and the Rame peninsula.

The town was originally developed to provide housing for workers at the dockyard, and naval facilities were also built around the town. At one time the main route from Plymouth to Cornwall was across the ferry, but the opening of the Tamar Bridge north of the town, the decline of employment at the dockyard, and the reduction in Royal Navy facilities has seen the focus of the town shift towards providing local employment, as well as providing housing for workers in Plymouth.

Nearby Antony House (now in the ownership of the National Trust) is the seat of the Carew-Pole family, whose forebears were responsible for much of the early development of the town in the eighteenth century. The house contains an extensive portrait collection, and the surrounding gardens and park, laid out by Repton offer delightful walks with vistas across the estuary.

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