



**St John**  
Scotland

# St John Scotland Defibrillator Project



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**St John Scotland is a Scottish charity, formed in 1947, dedicated to saving and enhancing life.**

We have various projects across Scotland, with a large network of volunteers.

We run projects such as Patient Transport, CPR training and the provision of public access defibrillators. Read more about us on our website, [www.stjohnscotland.org.uk](http://www.stjohnscotland.org.uk)

## Defibrillator Project

**St John Scotland's Defibrillator Project gives community groups, companies and organisations the opportunity to part-fund a public access defibrillator and heated outdoor box.**

While St John Scotland funds approximately 25% of the defibrillator costs, groups, companies and organisations agree to fundraise towards the remaining amount. The money provided by the recipient of the defibrillator can be submitted as a lump sum, in the form of a one-off donation, or through fundraising activities.

Our dedicated team can assist when it comes to fundraising tips and tricks, and can even help out with JustGiving pages.

Due to funding constraints, we may not be able to accept all applications. We will also attempt to ensure that defibrillators are provided to the most suitable locations based on advice from the Scottish Ambulance Service who hold a database of all public access defibrillators across the country. We will also try to ensure coverage in as many areas of Scotland as possible.

# Costs & Conditions

The costs involved in the St John Scotland Defibrillator Project are as follows:

**Defibrillator + accessory pack + carry case**  
**(The recipient will be set a fundraising target of £750)**

**Defibrillator + accessory pack + carry case + heated outdoor box**  
**(The recipient will be set a fundraising target of £1000)**

To be eligible for the St John Scotland Defibrillator Project, some criteria must be met:

- The recipient must attempt to raise the amount specified above
- The recipient must take ownership of the equipment
- The recipient must ensure the equipment is regularly checked in line with manufacturer's guidelines
- The defibrillator must be placed on the Scottish Ambulance Service register
- If the defibrillator is sited outdoors, a heated box must be used
- The recipient must arrange for any planning permission required for the heated box
- The recipient will manage the installation of the heated box
- The defibrillator will be badged with St John Scotland branding





# FAQs

## **Q. What happens if we are unable to meet the fundraising target?**

*A. If the target figure hasn't been reached after 6 months of fundraising, we will contact the recipient and conduct a review of the progress. We will always make every effort to assist recipients in reaching their target, however we appreciate that on occasion, this may not be achieved. In these circumstances, we reserve the right to use funds raised towards the provision of defibrillators in other locations as part of the project.*

## **Q. Our group has raised more than our target amount what will happen to the surplus money?**

*A. If the target figure is exceeded, we cannot offer any refund of surplus funds. The surplus funds will be put towards the provision of other defibrillators in the project.*

## **Q. Our group plans to raise money through JustGiving, should we set up individual accounts?**

*A. During fundraising efforts, recipients should use one JustGiving account, not multiple pages. The St John Scotland team can offer advice and guidance in setting up JustGiving accounts. Please note that Gift Aid is not included in the final total. We use Gift Aid to cover costs incurred.*

## **Q. What kind of defibrillator is provided through the St John Scotland Defibrillator Project?**

*A. The model of defibrillator may vary, as we always review models to ensure we receive the best possible deals on the most suitable models. The current model we provide is the iPad SP1, manufactured by C U Medical.*

## **Q. How easy is it to maintain the defibrillator?**

*A. Maintaining the defibrillator is easy. By simply checking that the battery light remains on, you are able to confirm that the battery is still in working order. It is essential that a record is kept, containing information about the expiry dates of the pads, which are included with the defibrillator. Pads need to be replaced every two years.*

## **Q. We will be situating our defibrillator indoors, do we still need a heated box?**

*A. Only boxes situated outdoors require the heated protective box to ensure the defibrillator and pads remain at the correct temperature.*

**Q. Who looks after the defibrillator once it has been placed?**

*A: Once placed, it is up to the recipient to look after the defibrillator.*

**Q. If the defibrillator is deployed, who replaces the pads?**

*A. We recommend the defibrillator host always has at least one spare set of pads. St John Scotland can give details of pad providers, and they usually cost around £30.*

**Q. Will we receive training on how to use the defibrillator in case of an emergency?**

*A. No training is required in order to use a defibrillator. Many untrained people have successfully used defibrillators to save lives, and a lack of training should not be considered a hindrance. It is worthwhile to familiarise yourself with the defibrillator, should you be required to use it in an emergency.*

*We may be able to organise a session to provide an overview of your new defib and some bystander CPR training. This will be discussed when your application has been accepted.*

**Q. Could I make things worse by using a defibrillator, or even kill someone?**

*A. In the event of a person suffering a cardiac arrest, they are already technically dead, therefore using a defibrillator will offer the best chances of survival. The defib simply won't shock a person who does not require it. You cannot make things any worse.*

**Q. What's the difference between a cardiac arrest and a heart attack?**

*A. A heart attack is when the blood flow to the heart is blocked, while a cardiac arrest is when the heart malfunctions and stops beating. Someone suffering a cardiac arrest will likely be unresponsive and not breathing properly. Generally, a person suffering a heart attack will remain conscious throughout.*





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