

Marlingford and Colton Parish Council Meeting
8th September 2026

Supporting information

Item 7

Community Speedwatch information

Information received from the Norfolk Community Speedwatch scheme;

To start a CSW scheme, you'll need a dedicated team of at least six volunteers. These volunteers should be willing to commit a few hours per month. Smaller communities may consider partnering with neighbouring areas to form a larger, more effective team.

Key Roles and Responsibilities:

Coordinator: Oversees the scheme, manages equipment and liaises with local authorities.

Volunteers: Conduct speed monitoring sessions, record data and participate in training.

Training and Vetting:

All volunteers must undergo training, which typically involves:

Training: Legal guidelines and procedures, codes of conduct, data protection and data reporting.

Practical Training: Focuses on using speed measurement devices, road safety and data recording.

Site Selection and Safety:

Safe Locations: CSW sites must be safe for volunteers and motorists.

Clear Visibility: Sites should be easily visible to drivers to encourage responsible driving.

Risk Assessments: To identify potential hazards and mitigate risks.

Equipment and Maintenance:

Equipment Care: Volunteers are responsible for the care and maintenance of equipment.

Regular Checks: Equipment should be regularly inspected to ensure its functioning correctly.

Getting Started:

Form a Team: Recruit a dedicated team of volunteers.

Appoint a Coordinator: Choose a coordinator to lead the scheme.

Complete Application Forms: Fill out the required application forms for all volunteers.

Site Assessments: Identify potential monitoring sites.

Attend Training: Participate in online and practical training sessions.

Start Monitoring: Begin regular speed monitoring sessions.

Cost considerations: Suffolk and Norfolk Constabulary covers the required equipment, training, risk assessments and administrative costs.

Item 10 – Replacing SAM 2 Batteries

The SAM 2 can only be in one location for a maximum of 4 weeks as per the original agreement. Currently some of the batteries are needing to be charged before the 4 weeks has elapsed. Replacement batteries can be purchased for £77.50 each, see link below

[12V 33AH RITAR AGM SLA BATTERY | Ritar Batteries](#)

Purchase of replacement batteries would make the 4 weekly moving of the SAM 2 more straightforward.

Item 11 - Defib replacement

The Marlingford defib (G5) was purchased in 2016 and the Colton defib (G3) in 2012. They usually have a lifetime of approximately 8-10 years. The battery and pads for the Marlingford device is due to be replaced in January 2027 and Colton battery February 2028. And pads November 2026

Replacement costs for Marlingford are currently battery £360, pads £75. The BHF shop no longer supports consumables for the G3 as it is no longer manufactured. The current pads for the Colton device need replacing in November, or sooner if used.

I have contacted Jayne at Norfolk Heart 2 heart and they are able to offer package for the ZOLL directly – details below from email received;

“The defib is a ZOLL AED PLUS and the added bonus with this defib is, if the pads are not used, they have 5 years expiry date on them, the same with the battery. It is like the G5, so if the defib are used, just the pads are replaced and it self tests daily. The ZOLL AED PLUS is guaranteed for 8 years and I also get the defib carry case as well. The cabinet is polycarbonate, with an LED light in it, so it’s permanently on and can be seen in the dark at all times and guaranteed for 10 years. It costs less than £10 a year to run, as it just kicks in a trickle of heat when the weather goes below 7 degrees.

I get this full package for £1600, which is the total price. Just an example of the deal I get, the BHF charge £1560 just for the defib with no carry case or cabinet. Also it’s because I make no money on them, being 100% non profitable Charity. It is a brilliant defib, when you turn it on, it shows a video screen, with step by step instructions, of your CPR pressure feedback with voice guidance.”

Below is a link to the defib:

[Buy the AED 3 Semi Automatic from the British Heart Foundation](#)

The current price of the replacement AED 3 Battery is £147, AED 3 Pads Adult/Paediatric (5 year Shelf Life) £159.

I would suggest the Parish Council purchase 2 replacement devices and an extra set of replacement pads (if not supplied). There is currently £2000 allocated to defib consumables/reserves and it was agreed to budget this every year. There is money in the general reserves to make up the shortfall in the shorter term.

It will be necessary for the old case to be disconnected and the new one wired in. This is a straightforward job and generally a local electrician is able to do this work free of charge supporting the community.

If you have any further questions please let me know and I can email Jayne at Heart 2 Heart Norfolk ahead of the meeting,

Maria Hutson
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