



Droitwich AED



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Patron: Matt Richards MBE

June 2025

Dear Sponsors, Hosts, Guardians and Trustees,

2024-25 Year End Report

Blink, and somehow we've completed our eighth year! Doesn't time fly when you're having fun?

Thank you all again:

Thank you all again for your continued support of your local Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADS).

We have with your help again extended the CPAD network throughout Worcestershire. At the end of our financial year, 28th February, we had increased our network to 209 CPADs and AEDs since starting eight years ago, an increase of thirty last year.

A special mention must again be given to Kerry Wood and her team in Evesham who have been responsible for a lot of the above increase.

Lifesavers:

We have now successfully defibrillated ten people in Worcestershire that I know of.

Almost certainly there have been more throughout the county that I am unaware of.

Income and Expenditure:

Please find enclosed the Year End Income and Expenditure report to 28th February 2025. These have been inspected and ratified by our accountants, Ormerod Rutter, and agreed at our AGM.

Our income was up last year by 53.2%. This mainly due to us receiving more donations to cover the costs of the new CPADs. There was a 106.2% increase in donations for CPADs.

Expenditure was up by 53.4%, in line with income. This mainly on Maintenance which was 213.8% up. This was expected, due to our enlarged network ageing, and needing more replacement pads and batteries. This is expected to increase over the next few years. There was also a 49.9% increase in expenditure on CPADs. I expect future expenditure on CPADs will be slowing down as we have reached a natural "saturation" level, unless of course more people are willing to site CPADs on their houses.

Our closing bank balances of £22k represent just over six months operating costs,

As always, there are no staff costs, with all involved in Droitwich AED being volunteers. There are no office overheads as the charity is run from my home.

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1171993

My thanks again to our long-suffering bookkeeper, Mrs Gina Pilley, for her continued help checking and compiling our accounts.

AED Guardians:

My thanks again, as always, to all our team of hosts and guardians who have continued checking their CPADs are rescue ready throughout the year. Without your help our network would fail.

If you are one of the few where this slips under the radar occasionally, could you please make an effort this year to check your CPAD at least once a month, and update the Rescue Ready status on the national database (The Circuit)? Thank you.

There have been a few instances where CPADs have only one support guardian, and these sometimes have understandably been unavailable post deployment notifications. Obviously, nobody can be available 24/7/365. If you are the only guardian for your defib, do you think that you might be able to "volunteer" somebody else to help undertake the checks? Please get in touch if you know somebody who might help.

Do You need a CPAD?

Wherever you live in Worcestershire, if you are not within 500 metres of an existing CPAD, you and your neighbours are at risk of not surviving an Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest. Despite a huge effort nationwide from groups and charities such as ours, survival rates are still below 10%.

To find out where your nearest CPAD is, go to www.defibfinder.uk and put your postcode in. If there isn't a 24/7 accessible CPAD within 500 metres (The ambulance service's operational radius) you and your neighbours are at risk. If this is the case, can you site a CPAD in your neighbourhood? Our last few CPADs in Droitwich have gone on private houses.

Email Droitwich.AED@gmail.com for more information if you think you can help.

And Finally:

As always, my personal thanks again to all of you for your support.

You are all lifesavers.

Best wishes and stay safe.



Peter Richards
Chair of Trustees

Enclosures: Year End Income and Expenditure

Droitwich AED - Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1171993
Year End Income and Expenditure: 1st March 2024 - 28th February 2025

Income & Expenditure A/c

	01/03/2023	01/03/2024			01/03/2023	01/03/2024	
	29/02/2024	28/02/2025	%		29/02/2024	28/02/2025	%
<u>Income</u>				<u>Expenditure</u>			
<u>Opening Balances</u>							
Co-op Current Ac	216.91	422.89	95.0%	Insurance	96.00	96.00	0.0%
Co-op Instant Deposit	5,155.58	2,395.00	-53.5%	Stationery & Postage	298.97	418.41	40.0%
Co-op 35 Day Deposit	3,346.82	11,388.68	240.3%	Marketing	213.32	0.00	-100.0%
Barclays Bank Account	11.00	20.00	81.8%	CPAD's	24,933.75	37,378.91	49.9%
Barclays Maint ac	0.00	0.00		Maintenance	1,307.36	4,103.10	213.8%
	8,730.31	14,226.57	63.0%	First Aid Training	135.00	0.00	-100.0%
				Miscellaneous	69.83	46.90	-32.8%
	01/03/2023	01/03/2024		Independent Examiner Fees	480.00	504.00	5.0%
<u>Income</u>	29/02/2024	28/02/2025		Fund Raising	128.00	0.00	-100.0%
Business Donations	1,371.00	5,176.00	277.5%	Travel & Sub	199.60	188.00	-5.8%
First Aid Courses	0.00	0.00			27,861.83	42,735.32	53.4%
CPADs	18,985.00	39,146.95	106.2%				
Maintenance	3,638.89	3,997.45	9.9%		01/03/2023	01/03/2024	
Private Donations	1,319.48	1,459.37	10.6%	<u>Closing Balances</u>	29/02/2024	28/02/2025	
Other Charities	7,850.00	903.00	-88.5%	Co-op Current Ac	422.89	30.40	-92.8%
Gift Aided Donations	0.00	0.00		Co-op Instant Deposit	2,395.00	1,390.58	-41.9%
Bank Interest Received	182.03	368.93	102.7%	Co-op 35 Day Deposit	11,388.68	21,207.87	86.2%
Miscellaneous	11.69	116.90	900.0%	Barclays Bank Account	20.00	31.00	55.0%
	33,358.09	51,168.60	53.4%	Barclays Maint ac	0.00	0.00	59.3%
					14,226.57	22,659.85	59.3%
<u>Exceptional Items</u>				<u>Exceptional Items</u>			
<u>Bank Error – Charges</u>				<u>Bank Error – Duplicated Debit</u>			
refunded and compensation		1,055.50		and associated fees and charges		1055.50	
<u>Evesham AED Duplicate Error</u>		180.43		<u>Evesham AED Error Repaid</u>		180.43	
Total Income	42,088.40	66,631.10	58.3%	Total Expenditure	42,088.40	66,631.10	58.3%

Acceptance of Accounts Proposed by: Mark Taverner, Trustee

Seconded by: Kevin Hyett, Trustee

Unanimously agreed.

Signed by: Peter Richards

Chair of Trustees



Date: 9th June 2025

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Droitwich AED

On accounts for the year
ended

28 February 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1171993

Set out on pages

1 to 8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 May 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

11/06/2025

Name:

Tony Archer

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.