

***Around 60,000 people suffer an out of hospital cardiac arrest every year in the UK – only 1 in 10 will survive.***

**Here at Gillett Environmental we have 30 members of staff on site and hundreds of visitors to this and neighbouring sites daily so, when evaluating our on site first aid, we realised that having no access to a defib would considerably decrease the chances of survival for anyone suffering a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)**

In Spring 2017, we decided that it would be a great idea to invest in our own on-site Automated External Defibrillator (AED or Defibrillator for short). We have worked alongside North West Ambulance Service who have our device registered as a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) meaning that any member of the public can also use our device 24/7 – All they need to do is call 999 and the ambulance service will give them the code to open the secure cabinet.

In addition, we have recently donated a defib to our local town, Lytham. When looking for our nearest Public Access Defibrillator, we noticed that the very busiest part of our town did not have one. We feel this is a great way of giving something back to our town and we guarantee it will save someone's life in coming years! The location is on the external wall of The Taps pub on Henry St, Lytham.

**There are many defibrillators now in public places such as shopping centres, gyms, airports and so on but rarely at private places of work!**

Here at Gillett Environmental Ltd and Lytham St Annes Skip Hire, we want to help raise awareness of that through our START A HEART WITH THE GILLETT CAMPAIGN, to encourage more in our waste management sector to invest in these invaluable pieces of equipment.

An AED –

- Can be used by anyone!
- Gives verbal prompts on how to use it and what to do next
- Can be found in most public places where there may be a high footfall of people – look out for this in your area.

- You cannot be sued for using an AED and will never be prosecuted for helping a person in a cardiac arrest.
- An AED will only deliver a shock to someone who needs one; it is not the responsibility of the user to decide whether a shock is necessary.
- A person suffering a cardiac arrest is clinically dead – you will never put that person into a worse condition.
- An AED can be used in all weather but the chest should be made clean and clear before pads are positioned and defibrillation occurs.
- AEDs can be used on pregnant ladies.
- AEDs can improve chance of survival by up to 80%!!
- No servicing is required; AEDs self-test and indicate when batteries and pads are required.

**We are working closely with an excellent supplier who has agreed to offer the best possible rates on their top of the line equipment so if you are interested in finding out more then please email Joe Gillett at [joe@gillettenviro.com](mailto:joe@gillettenviro.com).**