

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

Skirmett is part of a Parish wide program of using AEDs when needed ahead of the Ambulance Service arriving to attend to a patient with a suspected heart attack. If someone becomes ill or their heart stops, you call 999 immediately and they through a series of questions determine whether you need the AED or not. If so, they provide you with the code to access the green box and take the AED to the patient. The machine once connected to the patient analyses the heart and determines if a shock is needed. It is totally automatic and you cannot harm the patient by using it. Normally, CPR would also need to be done on the patient until the Ambulance Service arrives and takes over. **Note that if the heart has stopped, there is a window of 8-10 minutes only to restart the heart or the patient dies.**

The AED is located in the green box on the front of the village hall.