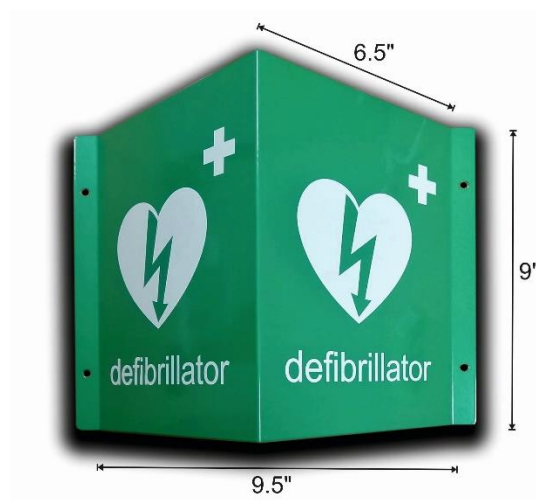


Additional Information

We would like to remove from our application the use of the Defib signs in green – shown below as these will not now form part of our proposal.



Schedule of Works

Suggest

1. Marking out of outer wall for wall fixings ensuring holes are drilled in mortar lines.
2. Marking out of outer wall for power supply cable – access hole to be drilled through mortar line.
3. Drilling of outer wall for suitable wall fixings.
4. Drilling of outer wall through to inner wall for power cable.
5. Running power cable from outer wall to inner wall
6. Affixing cabinet to outer wall
7. Fitting defibrillator machine into outer cabinet
8. On the inner wall surface – run power cable to nearest suitable power supply
9. Use suitable fixings or trunking in keeping with interior wall to hole power cable in place
10. Affix 3 pin plug to power cable
11. Test defibrillator is receiving power,
12. Remove all waste

Principles & Justification of Works

The proposed works are a joint community project proposed initially by the friends of the Parish Church in full agreement with the Melbourne hall Estate and adopted by the Parish council for the wellbeing of the Village and its visitors.

Defibrillator machines are well proven in saving lives and the Parish council is keen to add to the current single defibrillator machine housed at the marketplace.

The location is very close to the adjacent senior citizens building and as a major visitor attraction the location near to Melbourne Hall is felt to be important for rapid response in case of a medical emergency.

The Parish Council proposes that the potential medical benefits for the community and visitors to the area outweigh any adverse effects on this listed building.

The removal of the larger defib signs from our application reduces any potential impact even further.

Impact on the Special Character of the Listed Building

We feel that the position and colour (green) of the defib machine on the Estate office wall minimizes the impact on the listed building and the greater setting of Church Square and Melbourne Hall.

The visual impact will be minimized by using the green cabinet instead of the traditional yellow box and by mounting this on the Estate office wall rather than previously proposed areas such as the entrance gates to the Melbourne Pool or the main wall of Melbourne Hall we believe we have kept the visual impression to a minimum but still made the defibrillator easy to find in the event of a medical emergency.

Heritage Statement

With help from Mr P Heath, the history of the listed building is as follows: -

The estate office and attached buildings were first listed Grade II on 18/2/1971, and are listed “for group value only”.

In the 18th century the estate office and adjacent buildings were part of the Home Farm of Melbourne Hall, complementary to other old farm buildings that are now occupied by the Melbourne Hall visitor centre on the other side of Church Close. Back in the 16th century, the estate office etc. had been two houses.

In 1840, the Melbourne Hall home farm was moved to the newly built Park Farm in the old Royal hunting park of Melbourne, and thereafter (what is now) the estate office and yard behind etc. were rented out. The corner building became the estate office in 1924, and acquired a new bay window and porch. After a spell as a doctor’s surgery, it is now the estate office once again. The stone kerbing to the Church Close frontage, surmounted with iron railings until the Second World War, was installed in 1851.

The past agricultural life of the building can still be traced by those who look. The old pattern of breather holes and vents can still be seen, bricked-up, and the position of the large old barn doors facing Church Close can made out a little further along the Church Close frontage.