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## Fundraising target reached for town defibrillator

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FUNDS have been raised to buy and install a defibrillator in Sildon after a successful campaign led by the founders of the town's parkrun.

Neil and Diane Wood said they were "over the moon" when they realised they had reached their target and could afford the life-saving equipment.

The pair decided to start fundraising for the new piece of kit in case one of their runners should ever need it.

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More than £1,500 has been raised to purchase a brand new defibrillator and a secure vandal-proof cabinet to store it in, ensuring it is publicly accessible 24/7.

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