

Llantwit's 'defib' in a phone box

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A defibrillator is going to be installed in the telephone box next to the White Hart.

Llantwit Major resident Elenid Carlig explained that the arrival of the vital life-saving equipment was taking place, in part, to pure chance.

"We noticed a BT engineer at the phone box and asked whether there was going to be a new phone.

"He told us that the phone box was due for removal."

This shocked Elenid who knew that the BT installation was a classic red Grade Two listed telephone box.

She approached Llantwit Major Town Council with the idea of making the phone box an ideal home for a defibrillator.

A spokeswoman for the town council said: "We agreed that it was a great idea and have since been working closely with Community Heartbeat Trust to adopt and convert the kiosk.

"The defibrillator has now been fitted and we hope it will be fully operational within the next few weeks.

"Community Heartbeat Trust will also be providing training to the council and other local organisations on how to use the defibrillator."

The defibrillator is being funded and fitted in memory of Mike Hodges, MD of the Col lective Yoghurt company, who died of a cardiac arrest.



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