

HEART SAFE

A few years ago, Tredegar Town Council recognised the efforts of Mike Morgan in raising funds to purchase and locate two heart defibrillators in the town centre. Last year, the Council recognise the efforts of Cassie and Amy, who saved the life of a resident in Tredegar Sports Centre by using their defibrillator. They realised that having a network of defibrillators in the town can make lifesaving a reality and would make Tredegar a safer place to live and visit.

Tredegar Town Council and Mike Morgan stayed in touch and, through working together, have now realised a dream of placing a further six defibrillators in the town.

Tredegar Town Council has purchased a defibrillator for each of the schools in the town. Whilst they are primarily there for the safety of our young people, their location spread throughout the community will make a safer place for us all. The staff at each school have been trained in their use and the equipment has been registered with St. John's Ambulance First Responders who will have access to the defibrillators when called out.

Councillor Tom Smith, Leader of Tredegar Town Council said, 'We realise what a huge difference quick access to a defibrillator makes when saving a life. Through the purchase of these defibrillator all parents will know that their children are safe while at school. We want to publicise the location of the equipment so that the whole of our community knows where to go if one is needed and more importantly the St. John's Ambulance First Responders will have access to these life saving devices.'

Mr. Martin Price, Head of Bryn Bach Primary School, thanked the Council for the equipment and added, 'we now know that our pupils will be safe at school and our whole community will be a safer place too.'

Mr. Robbins receiving the equipment on behalf of Tredegar Comprehensive School added, 'We have one at school but this means that we can take one with us to all sporting events to ensure our pupils are safe at all times.'

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Photographs show Tredegar Mayor Cllr Jacqueline Thomas presenting the defibrillators to representatives from Tredegar schools.