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	<b>Adoption &amp; Restoration of Telephone Boxes Located Opposite Royal Oak &amp; Corner of Landseer Avenue</b>	<b>CE4/47a</b>

## Refurbishment Process

Transfer of ownership of the two telephone boxes has been completed as per the Council resolution. An assessment of the boxes has been undertaken and advice sought and it appears to be the general consensus that, given their poor state of repair, both boxes will need to be removed from site in order to be refurbished. This will involve several stages:

- Capping electricity supply and separate removal of the connection to the boxes. BT will arrange and pay for disconnection of the supply (this can take up to 16 weeks), but they do not arrange or pay for reconnection. Should NTC require power to be restored in the telephone boxes, it will be necessary to arrange this as a new customer with a power supplier.
- The chosen contractor will arrange haulage to transport the boxes.
- Once the boxes are removed NTC will add new concrete bases at both locations.
- The telephone boxes will then be returned and positioned ready for community use.

## Electricity Supply and Defibrillators

In order to simplify matters and reduce cost, Members might like to consider installing solar-powered lights to the inside of the refurbished kiosks (see 47b). If it is decided that a defibrillator should be installed in this area, it would possibly be a more cost-effective option to approach another organisation (possibly a shop, medical centre etc) to discuss the possibility of locating a defibrillator there instead of in one of the phone boxes. A list of current locations of defibrillators can be found at the end of this paper.

## Providing Level Bases and Access

We know the cost of constructing replacement bases and our current groundworks contractor is approved by CWaC to work on the highway (see 47c). This cost includes an additional slab in front of the door of the Landseer Avenue box which opens onto the grass.

## Consultation and Community Use

It is recommended that we adopt the name "Community Box" for both boxes (if Committee decides that they will not be used for defibrillators). It will then be necessary to consult in due course with residents in each street to ask for their preferences for use of the boxes, perhaps offering several options from which to choose. It is recommended that, if a community group would like to manage a box, it could be arranged on an annual basis in order to give different groups an opportunity. If after a year a particular use proves overwhelmingly popular then this could be extended. This approach offers flexibility.

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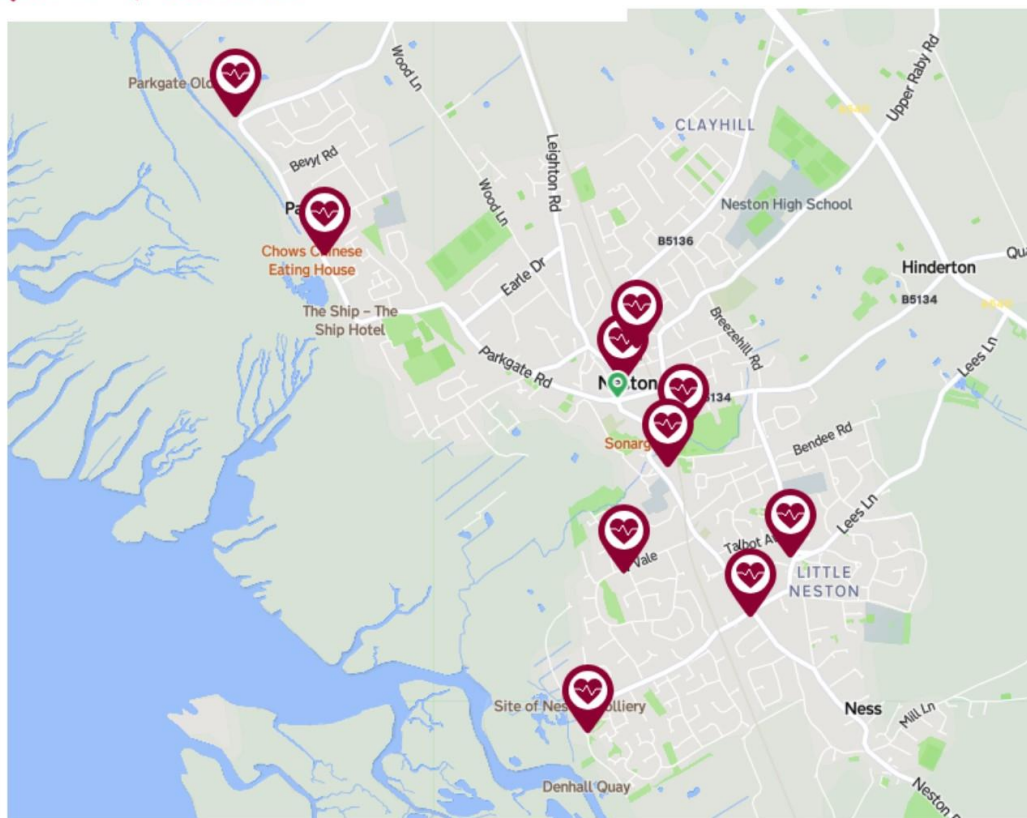
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