

Rugby Police club donate defibrillators

AFTER a year of fund raising, Rugby Police Bowls Club recently donated two defibrillators (AED's) and cabinets to Grange Bowls Club and Oakfield Bowls Club.

The idea came about after the untimely death of Jill Sirett, a member of both the clubs.

Present at the handing over of the defibrillators was Martin Render, the Chairman of The Community Heartbeat Trust, who gave advice on the purchase of the appropriate defibrillators.

During his presentation, he showed how easy it was to use the device as they were designed to be used by lay people, who had had no previous training in their use.

He said, "The worse thing you can do with a defibrillator is not to use it, as if you do not the person is likely to die anyway.

"If the heart still has rhythm then the defibrillator will not allow you to shock the casualty, so do not be frightened to use the device."

Rugby Police Bowls Club Secretary Rosemarie Geden said, "This has been a marvellous effort from all concerned, who gave



Gary Tubb (Oakfield) and Rodger Sirett (Grange)

freely of their money to such a good cause.

"We are only a small club but have over the past 20 years raised thousands of pounds for local good causes including: The Friends of Rugby Hospitals, Myton Hospices and the Air Ambulance."

Rugby Police Bowls Club Chairman David Owen said, "We hope that the defibrillators will never be used.

"But if they are required and

defibrillation is given promptly it increases the chances of the patient surviving by up to 70 per cent.

"Both clubs will also have the opportunity to arrange a short course of CPR training for their members.

"I am sure anyone from other bowls clubs who would like to attend would be more than welcome and I would urge them to contact either club for details".