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## From the heart: Horizon funds lifesaving equipment for Anglesey

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**Welsh Hearts – the leading heart charity in Wales – will be able to install three more much needed public-access defibrillators on Anglesey, thanks to a donation from Horizon Nuclear Power.**

Welsh Hearts applied to Horizon for funding support from its Community Investment Scheme, to allow them to place three new accessible defibrillators around Anglesey. The donation will also help support free defibrillator and CPR training from a team of medical professionals in Wales to those hosting the lifesaving equipment.

**Nick Aitken, North Wales Fundraising Manager for Welsh Hearts, said:** “These publicly-accessible defibrillators are an important addition to Anglesey for Welsh Hearts. If someone is having a cardiac arrest, every second counts. There are approximately 8000 sudden cardiac arrests outside hospital in Wales every year, and only a 3% survival rate. A defibrillator is able to restart the heart during a cardiac arrest, and can save lives. When used, the survival rate can increase to 50%, but a speedy response is crucial.

“We’ve made it our mission to ensure nobody in Wales is ever further than 100m away from a potentially lifesaving defibrillator. This is particularly important in rural areas of Wales where an ambulance may take longer to reach. We’re extremely grateful to Horizon for its generous contribution to this project, which will see us place three new defibrillators on the Island of Anglesey.”

**Gwen Parry-Jones, Executive Director, Operational Development at Horizon Nuclear Power said:** “We’re very proud to be supporting Welsh Hearts and the important work they are doing here in Anglesey and across Wales. The defibrillators and training that Welsh Hearts will provide could save lives on Anglesey, we’re delighted to help such an important charity, so it can continue its good work for the community.”

For more information about the Community Investment Scheme and how to apply, visit [www.horizonnuclearpower.com/community-support](http://www.horizonnuclearpower.com/community-support).

Find out more about Horizon Nuclear Power and the proposals for Wylfa Newydd by visiting [www.horizonnuclearpower.com](http://www.horizonnuclearpower.com), calling 0800 954 9516 or emailing [wylfaenquiries@horizonnuclearpower.com](mailto:wylfaenquiries@horizonnuclearpower.com). To keep up to date, follow [@horizonnuclear](https://twitter.com/horizonnuclear) on Twitter and Instagram.

For more information about Welsh Hearts and to enquire about the important work it's doing, visit <http://welshhearts.org/>

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**Notes to editors:**

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 to develop new nuclear power stations in the UK. It was acquired by Hitachi, Ltd. in November 2012. The company is developing plans to build at least 5,800MW of new nuclear power generation plant at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire. Its power station sites will employ up to 850 people each once operational with construction workforces of up to 9,000.
- Horizon's development on Anglesey will represent a multibillion pound investment in North Wales, creating high-quality, long term employment opportunities and unlocking lasting economic and social benefits for the region.