



December 2025

**Re: QUIK-PAK™ electrodes and CHARGE-PAK™ battery charger**  
Device model: LIFEPAK CR® Plus defibrillator and LIFEPAK EXPRESS® defibrillator

Dear valued customer,

We appreciate your continued trust in Stryker and your use of our LIFEPAK AED products. We are writing to provide an important update regarding our support for the LIFEPAK CR Plus and LIFEPAK EXPRESS automated external defibrillators (AEDs), which were previously discontinued from sales in countries requiring a CE mark certification as of April 1, 2019 and in the United States effective October 31, 2020.

At the time of discontinuation, Stryker anticipated being able to support these devices for their full limited warranty period which was eight years for the LIFEPAK CR Plus and five years for the LIFEPAK EXPRESS. However, due to ongoing and unforeseen challenges related to component availability and supply chain limitations, we regret to inform you that we will be discontinuing the QUIK-PAK electrodes and CHARGE-PAK battery charger in February 2026. We will continue supporting warranty claims through the warranty time period of 90 days for the QUIK-PAK™ electrodes and CHARGE-PAK™ battery charger.

We recognize the importance of reliable AED support and understand the impact this may have on your readiness plans. Our current AED portfolio with available supply includes the LIFEPAK CR2 and LIFEPAK 1000 which offer advanced features, simplified maintenance and enhanced usability all designed to support high-quality resuscitation and responder confidence.

If you currently have LIFEPAK CR Plus or EXPRESS devices in service, we strongly encourage you to reach out to your local Stryker representative or authorized distributor to discuss available upgrade options.

We sincerely thank you for your understanding, and we remain dedicated to supporting your life-saving efforts with trusted technology and reliable service.

Best Regards,

Lianne Stefurak  
Vice President of Global Marketing

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**LYDD TOWN COUNCIL BRIEFING NOTE****JANUARY 2026****Defibrillators - Lydd and Lydd on Sea**

Lydd Town Council owns Defibrillators at Lydd- Coronation Square, Lydd- The Banks and Taylor Road- Lydd on Sea.

We have been advised by Hopkins who maintain and inspect all our defibrillators that the electrodes and battery fitted to our LIFEPAK CR Plus at the BT Box in Lydd and Lydd on Sea are due to expire this quarter. The electrode sets for this model have a two-year life cycle, so any replacements purchased now would typically carry an upper boundary date in 2028. To replace the electrodes and battery which come as a set would be £171 + VAT per device and have a warranty period of 90 days but once used in an emergency would not be able to be replaced.

The two defibrillators in question have served reliably but manufactured in 2016 they are ten years old and Councillors should consider whether fitting another round of short-life consumables makes sense for a low-use site. New devices on the market today use pads with up to four- or five-year life and batteries with up to five-year life, giving protection into the next decade.

If Councillors decide that a replacement device could be the better route, Hopkins can offer three potential devices outlined below.

- Option A 200 Joules fixed energy output £1090.00
- Option B 360 Joules variable energy output £892.50 (most popular)
- Option C up to 360 Joules variable energy output with CPR Insight £1788.00

The packages include the following:

1. AED defibrillator semi or fully automatic including infant and child switched energy adjustment.
2. Hopkins Extended Responder Kit.
3. Free one-time consumables replacement if the AED is used within two years.
4. CPR metronome.
5. Carry case and strap.
6. Built in adult and infant selector with no additional electrodes to change out.
7. Electrodes with up to five-year life.
8. Battery with up to five-year life.
9. Eight-year manufacturer warranty.

**Statement from Hopkins**

At Hopkins, our reputation is built on over thirty years of dedication to aftercare and careful governance of defibrillators. Our focus is on delivering robust solutions tailored to support life-saving measures effectively, and we already assist numerous local parishes, schools, and small businesses to keep their AEDs operational and up to date.

Our core mission is to foster life-saving initiatives within the community, and many of our staff volunteer to teach essential skills that make a real impact.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, or prefer a hands-on demonstration of the devices, please do not hesitate to contact me on. I am here to help you make a calm, informed choice.

All prices quoted are plus VAT and there is no upfront payment. You pay only after installation is complete.

Enclosure: Stryker letter



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

Dear Admiral Sir George Zambellas,

I have been asked to thank you for your kind letter containing a message of loyal greetings to The King.

This has been shown to His Majesty and I now have pleasure in enclosing his reply.

Yours sincerely,  
pp. *Natalie Dawson*

James Dawson  
Private Secretary's Office

Admiral Sir George Zambellas G.C.B., D.S.C.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Admiral Sir George Zambellas G.C.B., D.S.C.,  
Lord Warden and Admiral of the Cinque Ports,  
Constable of Dover Castle

Please convey my warmest thanks to the Members of the Band of  
The Brigade of Gurkhas for their loyal greetings, sent on the occasion  
of their concert which is being held this evening in All Saints' Church,  
Lydd.

As Patron of the Gurkha Welfare Trust, I much appreciate your  
message of loyal greetings. In return, I send my warmest good wishes  
to all those who are present for a memorable event.

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12<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

### Report to Romney Marsh Councils

#### **From Cllr David Wimble, Kent County Council**

**To: New Romney Town Council, Lydd Town Council, St Mary's Bay, St Mary in the Marsh, Brookland, Brenzett, Ivychurch and Newchurch Parish Councils**

Over the past two months, my workload has been extensive both across the Romney Marsh and within my Cabinet responsibilities for Kent County Council.

#### *Local Matters on the Marsh*

I have continued to deal with local issues, including the reporting and follow-up of fly-tipping and wider household waste concerns. These have increasingly become a burden on local residents, and I am pressing officers to ensure quicker enforcement and clearance where possible.

A key issue has been the future use of Peacock House, which has been scheduled to operate as a reception centre for unaccompanied asylum seekers under the age of 16 from next spring. Understandably, this has been a highly sensitive and political subject. As with the situation at Napier Barracks in Cheriton, this decision was not driven by local authorities but imposed upon us, and I continue to push for the highest safeguarding standards and transparency as it progresses.

#### *Nuclear and Energy Planning*

My Cabinet work has become increasingly active, particularly regarding New Nuclear for Dungeness. I have held regular meetings with David Godfrey and am seeking representation on the NDA committees and NuLeaF to ensure Kent County Council has a voice in national planning.

We have attended several cross-party briefings at Westminster focusing on long-term UK energy resilience and the national strategy towards achieving Net Zero over the next 25 years. Dungeness remains strategically important, and I am ensuring that Romney Marsh remains firmly on the government's radar.

#### *Reuse Centres & Waste Savings*

You may have seen recent press and broadcast coverage of the opening of another KCC Reuse Centre. These sites divert usable items from incineration, saving the council approximately **£165 per tonne**. Our reuse shops have already generated around **£20,000** for local charitable causes, and it is our ambition to open a further five centres within the next 12 months.

In addition, I am heading up a major initiative to improve recycling rates and reduce cross-contamination in waste streams. In Folkestone & Hythe alone, a 5% improvement in household recycling would save the council **more than £2.8 million**. This remains a key financial priority.

*Heritage & Geopark Status*

I recently took part in the launch of the new Kent–France Geopark partnership at Dover Castle, which aims to unlock educational, environmental and tourism opportunities across the Channel region.

We are also working with community organisations to transition Kent County Council's eight historic windmills into a Kent-wide Windmill Trust. This will protect their future as public heritage assets while keeping them in the ownership of the people of Kent.

*Agriculture & Rural Affairs*

This summer I attended the Kent County Show and spoke at several seminars on the challenges facing farming communities, particularly the widening gap in government support.

On National Farming Day, I was invited onto BBC Radio 4 to speak about mental health and suicide in the farming sector, raising awareness of the support networks that are available. It's vital this issue continues to be discussed publicly.

*Environmental Funding*

I have helped secure **£39,557** to plant **6,000 new trees** across Kent, strengthening canopy cover and biodiversity. A further **£150,000** has also been granted to develop work with "Growing in Kent and Medway" on solar-powered propagators and improved composting systems.

*Workload & Attendance*

I am pleased to report that I still hold a **100% attendance record** for all Kent County Council meetings at Sessions House. My diary has involved extensive travel — approximately **700 miles per week** — attending meetings and representing Romney Marsh and Kent across the county and beyond.

*Personal Note*

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the many messages of congratulations I have received regarding my forthcoming wedding on **22 November**. I will be out of the office from that date until **13 December**, although urgent matters will continue to be monitored.

Should any council require supporting information on any of the above topics, I would be more than happy to provide it.

Kind regards,  
**Cllr David Wimble**  
Kent County Council – Romney Marsh Division



**CIVIC AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS 2025-2026**

The Worshipful The Town Mayor  
Cllr Bob Jones

November 2025

9<sup>th</sup> Lydd – Remembrance Sunday

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December 2025

12<sup>th</sup> Lydd – Gurkha Band Concert

**15<sup>th</sup> Lydd Primary School – Christmas Card presentation.**

15<sup>th</sup> Lydd in Lights Presentation

Civic and Social Engagements Nov-Dec 2025