

**Associação de Proprietários da Quinta da Encosta Velha (APQEV)  
(Quinta da Encosta Velha Owners Association [OA])**

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Dear Owners

I hope you are well and have been able to enjoy your property this summer at QEV

I have three subjects to update you on today – defibrillators, external painting and satellite dishes.

**Defibrillator**

Budens council has installed a defibrillator outside the post office in the village and full instructions are on the side of the machine. It is very visible (bright yellow) with simple instructions printed on the side in English and Portuguese and an intercom button to the emergency services (who also speak English).

Note the first instruction is to dial 112 – the number for all emergency services in Portugal

**External painting**

A number of houses have reported lichen-type growth on their paintwork since the repainting. The technical engineer from the paint company has made an investigation and confirmed that the growth is on the surface and not due to poor preparation or application of the paint. Instead, it is caused by a build-up of dirt on the surface of the paint in combination with the warm humid conditions we experience in this area. The recommended precaution to avoid this situation is to regularly wash the tops of all walls to remove the build-up of dirt where the bacteria can grow with morning dew etc.

**Satellite dishes**

In my last letter I asked owners to consider removing these, now largely redundant, receivers from their rooftops. The dishes themselves are going rusty and in some cases have fallen due to corrosion of the fittings. If you no longer use your dish, please ask your property manager to uninstall which will also improve the skyline of the resort for everyone.

Kind regards

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