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FIREFIGHTERS RESUSCITATE COLLAPSED PENSIONER

Wokingham firefighters visiting Crowthorne for a training session ended up carrying out an emergency resuscitation when a man collapsed on the High Street today (Thursday).

The elderly man had collapsed outside a bookmakers. Crowthorne Fire Station Watch Manager, Tony Jell, was catching up with some paperwork in the station office and saw the pensioner fall.

"I ran across and started CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) straight away as he wasn't breathing. Luckily, Wokingham's pump was just driving by and they immediately stopped to help. We carried on doing CPR until the paramedics arrived and we could hand him over to their expert care."

Watch Manager Steve Beard, of Green Watch at Wokingham, added: "We were only there coincidentally as we were on our way to a training session. It just goes to show that you never know when you might need skills like this. We have since heard that the gentleman is likely to make a full recovery which is wonderful news and we wish him the best of luck."

South Central Ambulance Service spokesperson, Ngozi Fakeye, said: "We are delighted that the patient is likely to make a full recovery and grateful for the quick action of our Fire Service colleagues in starting CPR before ambulance clinicians arrived. This was a good job!"

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Notes for Editors:

For readers who may want to find out more, training in first aid, including CPR, is available from the Red Cross, St John Ambulance and South Central Ambulance Service, which also has a Community First Responder scheme.

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