

New site for life-saving defibrillator

I was especially invited to the unveiling of a life-saving defibrillator at Newport Pagnell Fire Station last week.

The public-access defibrillator has been mounted next to the entrance of the Fire Station in Wolverton Road. Â Should someone experience a cardiac arrest, a defibrillator can deliver an electrical current through the chest which aims to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm, allowing it to pump again.

Jason Thelwell, Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service's Chief Fire Officer, said: "We are taking a further step towards achieving our aim of making Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes the safest places in England.

"After someone has a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces their chance of survival by 10 per cent.

"Our job is to save lives in our community and against the backdrop of a 10-year decline in the number of emergency incidents firefighters are being called to, we are continuing to find ways to help our local communities and save lives.

It was good to see that the defibrillator was very easy to use, it has a built-in video screen providing step-by-step instructions and with a further 3 units being installed at Broughton, Olney and Bletchley Fire Stations, it's positive and certainly reassuring news for local residents.