

## To the good people of Chard

After my lovely Whites fish and chips on Monday afternoon, (a regular jaunt for this 90 year old man). I went shopping in Home Bargain. As I left the shop I managed to trip up at arpmid 1235, causing injuries to my head, arm and hand. I was pouring with blood and it was raining heavily. I was immediately assisted by some local residents, and within 5-10 minutes there were 6 people helping me. One individual called 999, and was informed that the ambulance would take just over 2 hours. I had a lot of blood pouring from my head and hands, I was amazed by the kindness of the people who attended to me, they brought out blankets from the local shop, hand warmers, I was even protected through the rain by a kind gentleman with an umbrella. A lovely lady called Lesley helped me with 4 gentlemen to lift me into her car and kindly drove me to the local cottage hospital. The staff were equally as helpful. The manageress of Home Bargains, even popped a note on my car as it had to be left parked on the double yellow lines overnight.

Lesley and her son stayed with me the whole time, and waited for me to be seen by the staff at the hospital, where I was cleaned up, bandaged and then taken home. I had managed to contact a neighbour who collected me.

It is such a wonderful experience to be treated with such kindness, care and attention from complete strangers. I want to thank everyone that helped me, and to express my gratitude for all the support I received.

Eternally grateful Grandad Norman. Axminster.