

# Recognition for urban farm's rare breed programme



Have you seen this bike? It is a Trek Domane AL2 with yellow pedals

## £1,000 bicycle stolen near the Cutty Sark

More than 150 bicycles have been stolen this year according to the Met – one of the latest thefts was a £1,000 cycle in Greenwich

Megane Kyoudai, 30, from South Quay had locked up her cycle on May 2 with a Kryptonite D-lock, the gold standard, just outside Waterstones near Cutty Sark DLR station.

It's alleged two men cut the cable and walked off with it with the lock still attached

Ms Kyoudai said: "I was getting food from Greenwich market, which has turned out to be the most expensive burger of my life!

"Had I returned five minutes earlier, I would have caught them in the act of cutting the chain."

More than 150 bicycle thefts were reported between January and April this year according to the Met, 99 occurred between March and April.

One of the alleged thieves was apprehended by police at the scene but was released due to lack of evidence, with the bicycle still missing.

Anyone with information about the bike is urged to call the police on 101.

## Man sought after three women are attacked



Do you recognise this man?

Police are searching for a man after a spate of sexual assaults

On the afternoon of Sunday, April 4, three women were touched inappropriately by the same man, in the space of a few minutes.

All the incidents took place in East Street, at around 2.40pm.

Police were called after a woman in her 20s, who had been walking along East Street, was approached by an unknown man who suddenly lunged towards her and inappropriately touched her, causing her to fall to the ground.

The man then walked off in the direction of Blackwood Street.

CCTV reveal two other women had been assaulted by the same suspect minutes before but are yet to be identified.

Detective Constable Jack Bailey said: "We are appealing for anyone who has information to contact us.

"We also want to hear from the two other women. Anyone who recognises the man pictured is asked to call 101 or tweet @MetCC, providing the reference CAD3953/04APR.

"Or contact Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111."

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An urban farm has been recognised for helping preserve rare species like Oxford Sandy pigs and Golden Guernsey goats.

Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) has awarded its new RBST Education Accreditation to Tom's Farm at Nightingale Community Academy in Beechcroft Road, Tooting.

The award recognises the contribution of the urban farm to the conservation of some the rarest livestock and equine breeds native to the UK, as well as the farm's excellence in educating young people about the UK's rare native breeds.

Tom's Farm is a field-to-fork educational experience for students, parents, staff and the wider community aimed at reconnecting people with farming and the origins of their food.

It is part of Nightingale Community Academy, a school for boys aged 5-19 with social, emotional and mental health needs, and Tom's Farm works with schools in the community.

The farm uses its work to support the conservation of rare and native breeds of livestock both as a tool for land-based and animal care qualifications as well as a therapy resource for young people. Opened in 2009, it is named Tom's Farm in memory of Tom ap Rhys Pryce.

Tom's Farm is home to a number of priority and at risk rare breeds.

They include Border Leicester sheep, Derbyshire Gritstone sheep, Oxford Sandy and Black pigs, Golden Guernsey goats, Bagot goats, and Norfolk Black turkeys.

Other native breeds cared for at the farm include Shetland ponies, Welsh ponies, Shetland sheep and Southdown sheep. Tom's Farm is currently running a UK-wide breeding and education programme supporting rare breed Oxford Sandy and Black pigs.

RBST chief executive Christopher Price said: "Tom's Farm is doing important and valuable work to support the survival of some of the UK's rarest breeds of native livestock.



Joshua Farrell

"It is a shining example of how education centred on rare breed animals can bring multiple benefits for people and communities in tandem with these breeds' conservation."

"Joshua Farrell, farm manager at Tom's Farm, said: "Directing a project such as Tom's Farm is nothing but a privilege. I have seen so much development and progression and it's wonderful to see the day-to-day impact it has for not only our students at Nightingale Community Academy, but the young people from schools all over London.

"Education and Conservation are at the centre of our focus and I'm incredibly proud of our new affinity with Rare Breeds Survival Trust. Since a young age I have always been passionate about our rare and native breeds and I was adamant that Tom's Farm should host a variety of animals that needed our support.

"Tom's Farm keeps 600 different animals across sites and it feels as if the work we are doing can have a real impact on the critical numbers we see in our heritage breeds."



Border Leicester Sheep

Oxford Sandy and Black piglets

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# Cop's running 200km to raise cash for a road safety charity

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South London runners were urged to help keep a spring in a senior police officer's step as he runs 200km to raise money for a Brixton road safety charity.

Head of crime at Lincolnshire Police and former Met officer Detective Chief superintendent Andy Cox, 43, has called for South Londoners to run, cycle or walk beside him as he completes an ambitious run for RoadPeace.

His route started on May 15 in Crystal Palace, the location of the UK's first ever fatal road collision and will continue across several counties throughout Global Road Safety Week.

Det Chief Supt Cox said: "Running such a long distance will be challenging and the support of those around me will make all the difference.

"RoadPeace does an amazing job to support seriously injured people and bereaved families, helping them come to terms with their loss and supporting them through such a terrible experience.

"They also play a key role in advocating for road safety change and in doing so seeking improvements across the system, to help prevent future collisions and to improve the



Det Chief Supt Andy Cox

experience and processes for those who sadly have been affected."

From Crystal Palace he will run through Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire, ending his gutsy feat in Leicestershire on May 23.

Det Chief Supt Cox has already raised £18,468 of his £25,000 target but is keen to boost funds for Roadpeace as much as possible through the event.

For further details, go to <https://www.roadsafetysupport.co.uk/news/calling-all-runners-join-senior-police-officer-200k-challenge>

## As fast as a galloping horse

Five people are killed and over 60 people suffer serious injuries on the UK's roads every day, according to road safety charity RoadPeace.

The UK's first fatal car accident victim died 125 years ago when there were just a handful of petrol cars on our roads.

Labourers' wife Bridget Driscoll, 44, was in Crystal Palace on August 17 1896 when she was fatally hit by a car being driven by Arthur Edsell, an employee of the Anglo-French Motor Co.

At the inquest into Mrs Driscoll's death, domestic servant Florence Ashmore gave evidence that the car had been moving "as fast as a good horse could gallop."

The inquest also



Bridget Driscoll (circled) was the UK's ever road collision fatality Picture: BBC

heard that Mrs Driscoll had hesitated in front of the car and seemed "bewildered" before being hit.

It was reported that Mr Edsell had only been behind the wheel for three weeks at the time and had been given no instruction as to which side of the road he should stick to.

Mrs Driscoll's death

came just a few weeks after a Parliamentary act designed for the new and lighter petrol, electricity and steam-driven cars had raised the speed limit to 14mph.

The coroner involved in the inquest reportedly said that he hoped Mrs Driscoll's death would be the last of this sort of accident.