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## Officers appeal to prevent foul play

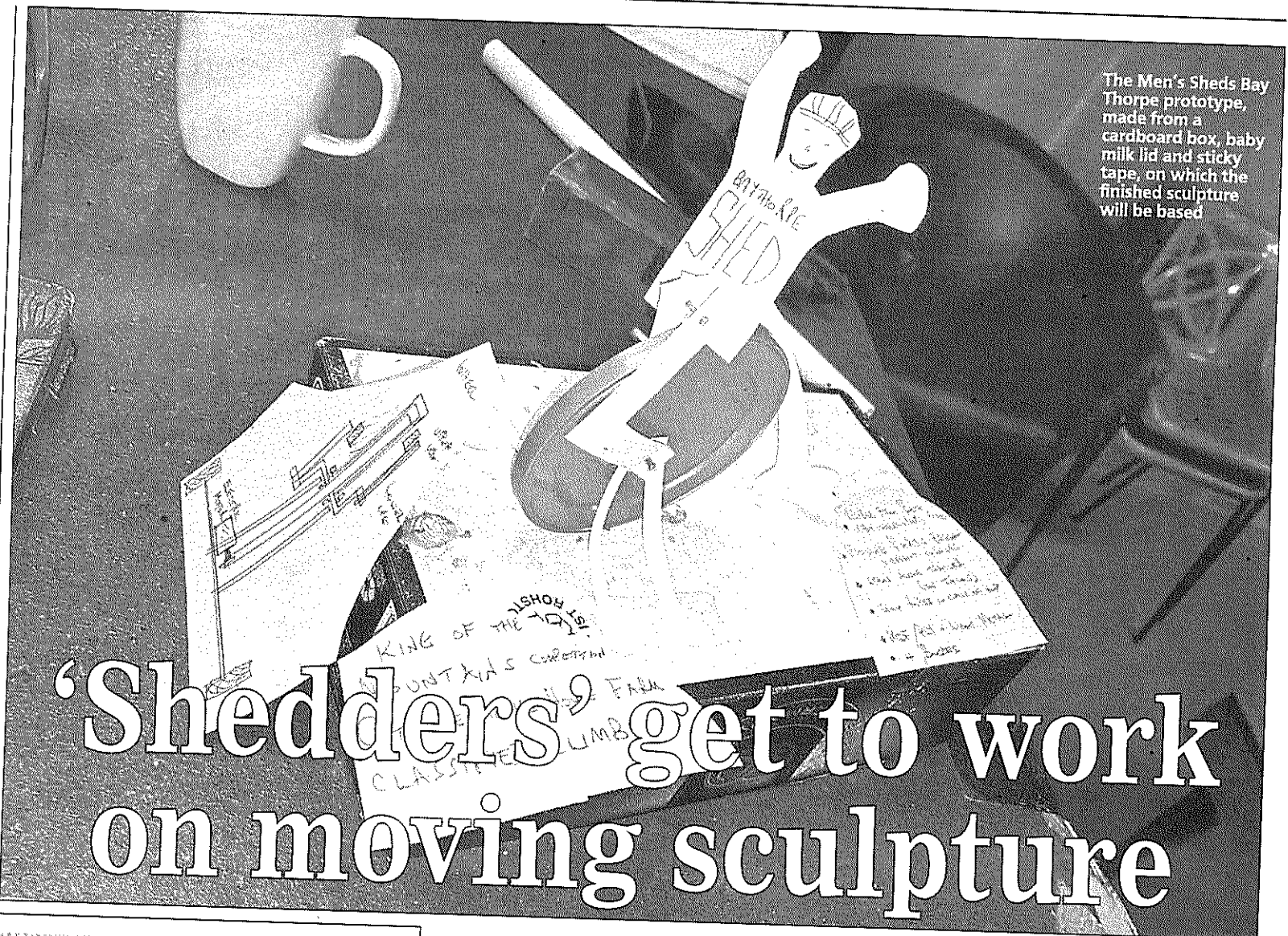
POLICE have been called to stop people plundering poultry after free hens were offered following the death of their owner.

Oaklands Market Garden, at Swalwell Roundabout, near Blaydon, has been inundated with visitors after a social media post circulated regarding the urgent need to re-home 500 chickens.

Those able to re-home the young hens had invited to stop by the market daily from 10 am to 1 pm to pick up the birds, however the premises are locked today and police are asking the public not to visit the site.

Officers are currently at the market following complaints from neighbours that people are ignoring the fact the shop is locked up and are jumping the 6ft wall around the premises in an effort to grab the chickens.

PC Caroline Jones, who was is at the scene, she said: "If it's locked, it's locked for a reason and please exercise some common sense. Please remember a man has died and a family are grieving."



The Men's Sheds Bay Thorpe prototype, made from a cardboard box, baby milk lid and sticky tape, on which the finished sculpture will be based

# 'Shedders' get to work on moving sculpture

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Today's Object of the Week hasn't been made yet - but could be seen by millions!

THIS handmade prototype - quickly fashioned from a cardboard box, baby milk lid and plenty of tape - is the start of a community project which is bringing people together.

For today's Object of the Week, we are taking a look at a handmade model - quickly put together as inspiration hit its designer, Ian Wallis, to create a moving sculpture featuring a cyclist on a penny-farthing bicycle.

The joyful sculpture will sit along part of the Tour de Yorkshire route as it passes along the North Yorkshire coast this spring.

Ian Wallis is a member of Bay-Thorpe Men's Sheds project at Robin Hood's Bay, where fellow "shedders" are already working on creating the automaton from their base in the Scout hut and former railway station building in the Station Car Park.

An avid Tour de France fan, Ian, who follows every up and down of the international race



A 'shedder' gets to work on the sculpture, which will be placed on the route of the Tour de Yorkshire

intensely over each summer, makes sure he gets involved in the Tour de Yorkshire as an enthusiastic supporter.

He put together this small-scale model after North Yorkshire County Council approached communities to encourage them to come together and celebrate the Tour de Yorkshire.

He is creating a moving sculpture with rotating parts which the local community could interact with - and which will also hopefully be picked up by the cameras when the famous cycle race whizzes past.

The final sculpture will be approximately 14ft high, with a rotating wooden wheel and a triumphant wooden cyclist sat on top. It will be in place in time for the race's arrival in the region on April 30, when Stage One of the Men's Race follows the Yorkshire Coast, after setting off from Beverley, passing through Filey, Whitby, Fylingthorpe and

Staithe before finishing in Redcar.

"Creating this artwork for the Tour de Yorkshire has become a short-term obsession for me," he said. "During the Tour de France and Tour de Yorkshire, when the helicopter filming something flies overhead you might get 20 seconds maximum, so we wanted to make something instant and impactful."

The sheds initiative provides a space for people to come together to work on projects, share skills and enjoy each other's company. By doing so it combats social isolation and promotes inclusion.

Whitby Area Sheds has received support from North Yorkshire County Council's Stronger Communities team, which supports communities to help themselves and take greater control of their own wellbeing and is also encouraging communities to come together and mark the race.

