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Money raised from the event was donated to Canvey Infant School, in Long Road.

## Planning law needs clarity

A SOUTH Essex MP has called for more consistency in planning laws.

Mark Francois, the Conservative MP for Rayleigh and Wickford, made the call at a House of Commons debate, believing there to be "two planning systems", one for the travelling community and one for non-travellers.

Mr Francois called for a review in planning law to "crack down on the problem."

In response to Mr Francois, Gavin Barwell, Minister for Housing and Planning for London, says the department for Communities and Local Government are "reviewing these issues."

## Police hunt for pervert

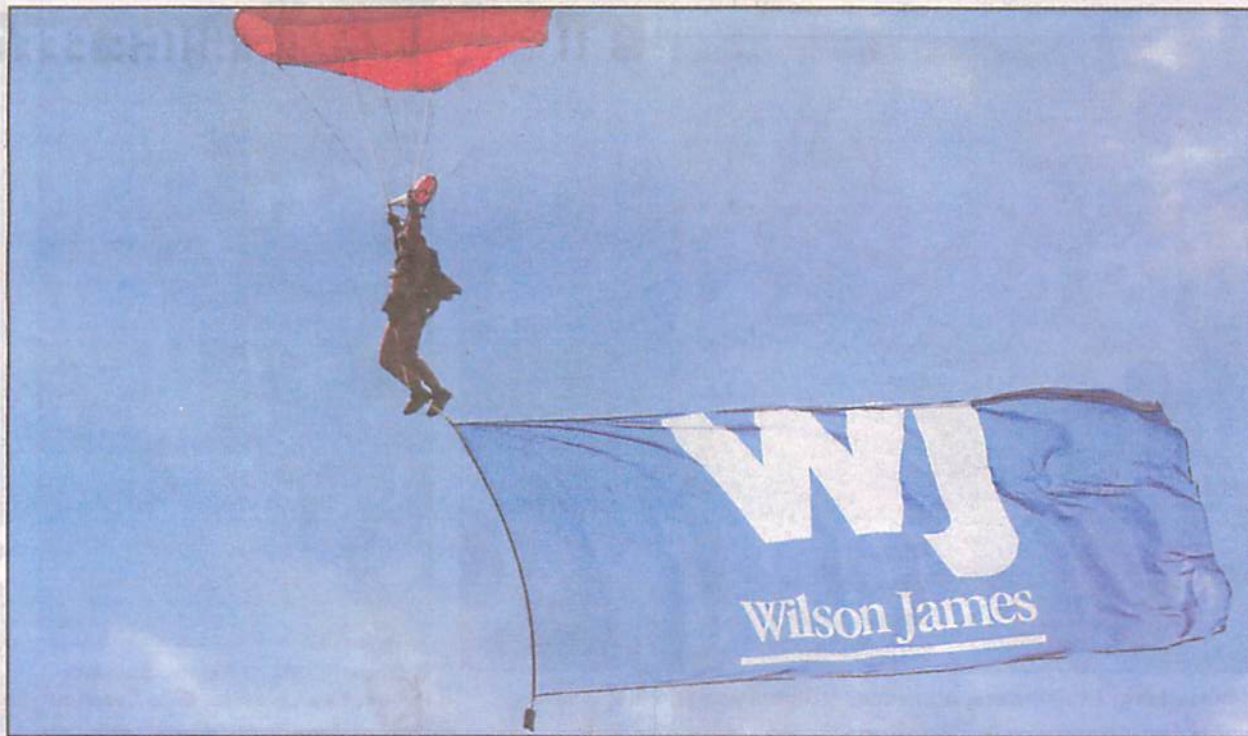
POLICE are trying to find a man who was seen performing a lewd act in Wickford's High Street.

The incident happened at about 10.30pm on Saturday, October 22.

The man is described as white, aged in his early 50s with dark coloured hair.

Anyone who recognises the man's description or who saw anything at the time should contact police on 101.

## OUR SKY DIVE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY



■ Flying high - a Wilson James team member sky dives for mental health charity Mind

A **PLUCKY** group of women from Wilson James were flying high away from their day jobs as they took part in a sky dive in aid of mental health charity, Mind.

Construction, security and aviation consultants Wilson James marked its 25th birthday this month with a tandem skydive with the Red Devils, with the aim of raising as much money as possible for the charity.

The intrepid group from the Westcliff-based company showed lots of bottle as they took part in the skydive, which saw them accelerating to 120mph in just ten seconds and freefall from 13,000ft for a total of 45 seconds.

## Self-service police gadget will not be kept

A **SELF-SERVICE** machine based at Rayleigh police station which helps people report crime will be removed.

The device, which looks like a giant smart phone, enables people to report crime, lost property and minor crashes on the roads.

It will be removed this week following a trial run and an evaluation into how useful the experiment was will now take place.

Residents in Rayleigh can continue to report crime by visiting [essex.police.uk/doitonline](http://essex.police.uk/doitonline) or calling 101.

Alternatively the front counter at Southend police station is open Monday to Sunday from 9am until 5pm.

Devices installed at libraries in Harwich and Brentwood will remain in place until the end of January 2017.

They are available for public use during library opening hours.

Claire Heath, head of Essex Police's public Contact programme, said: "Essex Police is committed to offering new and better ways for people to contact us, including through the use of better, more efficient and innovative technology.

"The public contact points offer all the services available on our website, but through the trial we

have been able to place the devices in local libraries at the heart of communities where they are centrally and conveniently located.

"We would encourage the public to continue to make use of the devices at Brentwood and Harwich library. Residents in Rayleigh and Grays can continue to use our website, call 101 or visit their nearest police station front counter to report crime."