

Charged with wife's murder

● FORMER Laindon man Nicky Ward, 28, has been charged with the murder of his wife Emma, 22, who disappeared almost two months ago.

Mr Ward, who lived in Norfolk, was arrested at an address in Laindon by Norfolk detectives and has been remanded in custody.

He grew up in Laindon and went to Laindon High School, but moved to Norfolk where he met his wife.

Anyone with information about the disappearance is asked to call the Joint Investigation Team on 0845 456 4567.

Crash victim had cancer

● A MAN killed after a gust of wind blew his bike into a car was suffering from a brain tumour at

Charity slams parish council over shed row

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A CHARITY boss has hit out at a parish council after it objected to plans for a small wooden shed next to a 5,000sq ft building.

Disability Essex, based in Rocheway, Rochford, wants to put the 10ft by 12ft pitched-roof shed, near to the car park of its new £2million building.

Bosses submitted a planning application to Rochford District Council in April, but Rochford Parish Council wrote an e-mail

□ 12ft by 10ft shack next to 5,000sq ft building
□ Politician describes it as 'massive' structure

saying it strongly objects to the plans.

Essex Youth Trust donated the shed and Richard Boyd, chief executive of Disability Essex, said: "It is pathetic.

"We have got a third of an acre of garden and we need a place to keep gardening tools, like a small potting shed.

"We are perplexed at all the

problems. It is an ordinary little garden shed.

"The shed has been paid for by a charity and it is ready to be delivered."

The parish council said a shed was not necessary as the charity employs a contractor to maintain the grounds.

It is worried as the shed will be visible from nearby houses in Rocheway.

Recommendations included moving the shed and using a different style.

John Bond, chairman of Rochford Parish Council, said: "Our objection is they want to

build a shed to put tools in. They have gardeners to do their work.

"If they want to build a shed that's fine, but they want a massive great shed."

Disability Essex responded to the council, stating in a letter it has a contract for garden maintenance with the training charity Trust Links, which gives disabled young people the skills needed to become gardeners.

It says it needs a secure area to store equipment, including lawnmowers and strimmers.

The application is to be considered by district councillors before July 8.