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BABY FOUND IN BAG

Three-day-old boy dumped in graveyard

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A NEW-born baby boy has been found dumped in a secluded cemetery.

A female passer-by spotted a black shopping bag containing the child in Luddenden Cemetery, Luddenden, around 4.45 pm yesterday.

She took the baby, who was dressed in a white all in one thermal suit and a blue cardigan, straight to the maternity unit at Halifax General Hospital where he is reported to be fit and well.

Police have issued a plea for information and are keen to reunite the baby with the mother.

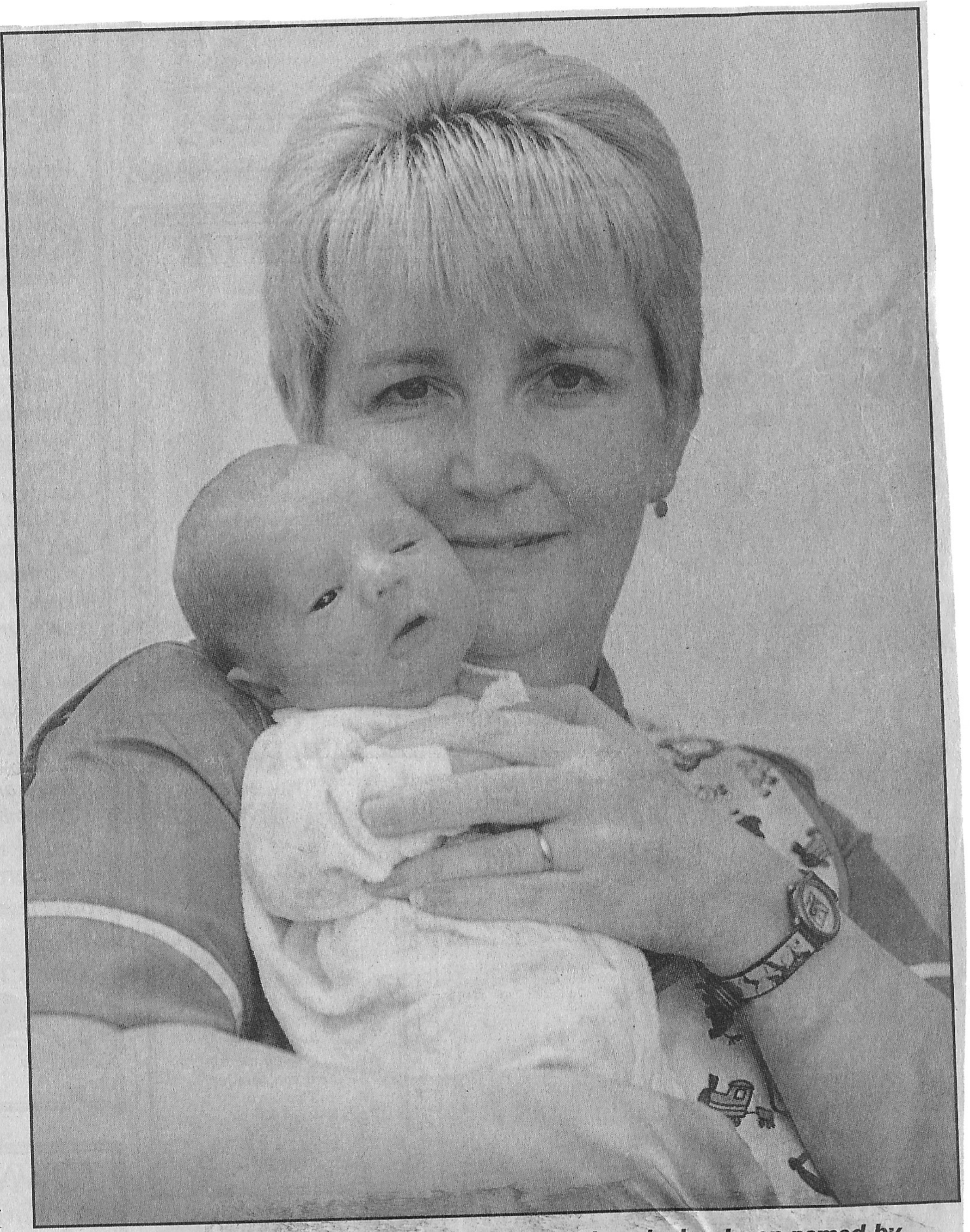
Calder Valley Police want the mother of the boy, who is believed to be between three and four days old, to come forward.

Inspector George Marshall, of Calder Valley CID, said the main aim was to reunite the boy with his mother.

"We are very concerned for the welfare of the mother, she may require medical help and we would appeal for her to get in touch to let us know she is well.

"The baby was obviously very well cared for, he was warm and dry and had been left there for a very short period before being found," he said.

Anyone who visited the cemetery yesterday afternoon or anyone with any information should contact the Helpdesk at Brighouse Police Station on 01484 405259.



Staff Nurse Shirley Plummer holds baby Luke who has been named by maternity staff after hospital consultant Dr Luke Clogher