

Screeching peacock's new home

RESIDENTS of a Calderdale village will have to rely on their alarm clocks again for their early morning call — after the removal of a screeching peacock.

The peace of picturesque Luddenden has been shattered since June when the noisy newcomer started strutting his stuff around the streets.

Feathers flew as residents cried fowl but all attempts to cage the bird failed until this week when he was captured and a new home found for him in Wainstalls, Halifax.

Mrs Margaret Mumford, of High Street, Luddenden, said the peacock regularly called at her property.

She would miss its visits but said it was for the best as the bird was in danger of getting killed on High Street.

"It used to tap on my window for its breakfast and peanuts were his favourite food," she said.

"A lot of people used to feed him but he was very noisy."

Mr Keith Scottford, of Halifax Lane, said the peacock used to roost on his greenhouse but it was difficult to get near it.

"It used to fly around like a buzzard crying out late at night and early morning," he said.

"I was concerned for its safety but I am glad it's now safe."

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