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Pigeon-gate in London at Transformers 5 film set



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Mark Wahlberg is one of the stars of Transformers 5.

A TOOWOOMBA man caught up in the hype of the filming of the latest Transformers movie has witnessed what he said was the callous treatment of an injured bird.

George Helon is in the English capital for his ceremony of admittance as a Freeman of the City of London.

While there he will also be exercising his "ancient right" to take sheep across London Bridge.

Yesterday Mr Helon was among throngs of people watching the filming of the latest installment of the blockbuster Transformers franchise, starring Mark Wahlberg.

He said he was disappointed with the way he witnessed a pigeon being treated.

"During the filming of a scene involving a high speed car chase exiting from Ironmonger Ln into Gresham St the pigeon was caught-up in turbulence which resulted in it being flung hard to the ground then onwards into the gutter," he said.

"Without any thought for its state or condition - and after some minutes - an as yet unidentified crew member scooped up the bird and dumped it under the back of a parked vehicle some 50 metres up the road.

"When confronted by her actions some 20 minutes later the crew member in question said 'something would be done'."

Mr Helon said it was evidence of wanton cruelty to animals.



"The filming company should be charged for not only failing to get the pigeon veterinary assistance, but abandoning it so carelessly," he said.

One of the vehicles used in the filming of Transformers 5.



George Helon will exercise his ancient right to walk sheep over London Bridge.

Kevin Farmer



The hapless pigeon.