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# Me and my bright ideas

## OAP HAS DRIVE LAID BEHIND LAMP

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**THIS won't go down as a shining example of a perfect job...**

Pensioner Kathleen Annals had a driveway laid – just days after the council put up a new lamppost outside her home.

The embarrassed great gran now faces a bill of up to £1,200 to shift the light so relatives can park there.

Widow Kathleen, of Andover, Hants, yesterday admitted she blundered.

She said: "I've done it the wrong way round. I had the drive laid after the lamp went up. I'm happy to foot the bill but I hope the council can shift it soon."

"I had the work done because there was nowhere for my family to park when they visited me."

Hampshire council said: "We will co-ordinate the work to provide a dropped curb and move the lamp to keep costs to a minimum." Let's hope that lightens Kathleen's mood.

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**APPEAL**

### Final curtain for theatre

ONE of Britain's oldest working theatres, which has Prince Charles and Camilla as patrons, may be forced to close its doors.

A £122,500 fundraising appeal is being launched to save the Georgian Theatre Royal at Richmond, North Yorkshire, which opened in 1788.

Chairman Malcolm Bryant said: "If we cannot raise the money that we need then the future of the theatre is under threat."

"It is an absolutely exquisite building, a truly unique gem of a theatre."

**DIM MOVE**  
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