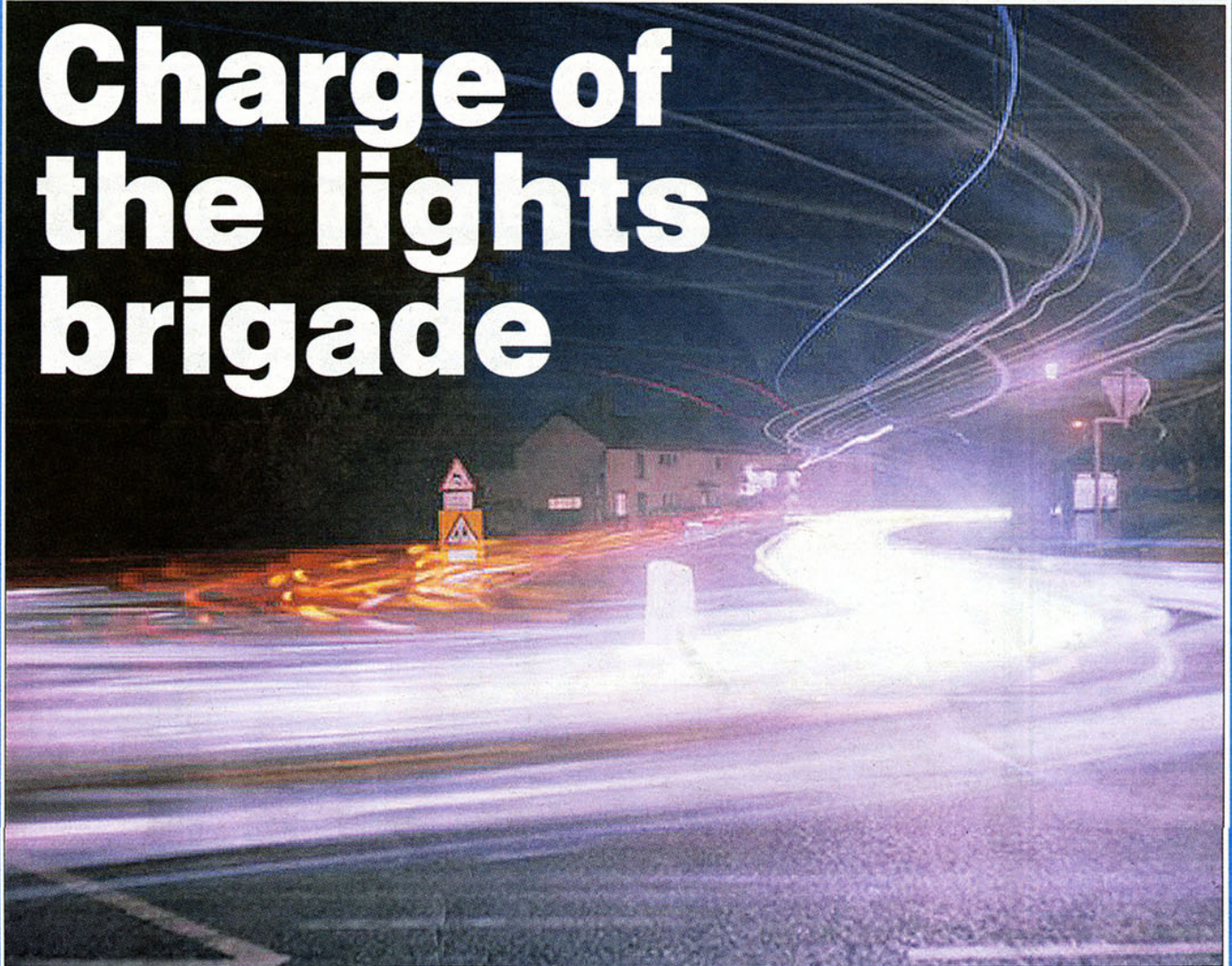


Images show effect of diversion on village

Charge of the lights brigade



These pictures were taken by Shropshire Star reader Rachel Graves using a tripod and a long shutter speed. She took numerous exposures over half an hour to capture the striking images. The long exposure allows the streaking lights from vehicles to give a sense of motion - the longer the exposure, the longer the headlights streak.

Traffic disrupting peace

By Suzanne Roberts

These striking photographs show the dramatic effects of diverting a busy road through a quiet Shropshire village.

Rachel Graves, 22, a second-year student at Nottingham Trent University, took the pictures in Whittington recently when the Mile End Roundabout was closed for roadworks.

She said: "I am from the Oswestry area originally and often return to the area to visit family during holiday times."

"I was recently back in Oswestry during the week that the Mile End Roundabout was closed for roadworks, causing a great deal of controversy and inconvenience for drivers all around the area."

Volume

The roundabout was closed for eight nights from March 26.

The closure was in order to build new approach roads and put in anti-skid surfacing.

She added: "The closure happened after 8pm each day and a large volume of the traffic, primarily lorries and other heavy good vehicles, that would normally use that route were diverted through the village of Whittington."

"During my time there I took a number of long exposures on a 5x4 field camera to capture the effect this had on the village, which is usually very tranquil in the evening."

"I stood outside for half an hour to catch the lorries and cars going past and chose sections of the village that gave a good idea of the surrounding area and road."

She added: "It could be something I use for my course but I'm not sure at the moment."

"I just like taking photographs, any excuse really."



Photographs show the dramatic effects of diverting traffic through a quiet village



The university student's photographs show the large volume of traffic using the road

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