



Mere

Driver Damages Shop

A famous 200-year-old listed building used as an antiques shop has been badly damaged after a car driver careered into the building at high speed.

In the early hours of the morning, the Peugeot was left embedded in Walton House Antiques, Mere. The driver fled from the scene. The cause of the horrific accident early on Sunday morning remains a mystery – but it is thought the driver may have dozed off.

The damage has been estimated at thousands of pounds. The shop had to be closed for safety reasons waiting for a structural engineer to arrive because of the worry of debris falling from the building. Part owner Adam Gallimore said: "There is a lot of structural damage. It (the building) was hit at high speed. They left the car here.

"Structural cracks appeared in the building as a result and things have been pushed out of position. We have been shut because of the worry of stuff falling from the side of the building."

Wiltshire Police said the driver had been traced but they had not decided if proceedings would be taken. Insurance details were been exchanged.

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