

New Product: Pebbell Locator

Small, measuring no more than 1.5 by 2 inches and light at 35g (that's as much sugar as in a can of Cola-Cola!), this new locator comes in a range of colors. It also has some different features over the existing 'Buddi' locator that Royal Greenwich uses.



Locations are requested by sending a text to the device. Setting this up is simply a matter of sending a text from a mobile phone to the phone number (SIM) of the Pebbell, to register this. Up to 3 authorized number can be set.

To get the location the carer simply texts 'Loc' to the Pebbell. They will receive a text back giving the date, time and a link to Google maps, which simply needs to be tapped on to open.

The Pebbell also has the following features:

- An SOS button in the middle. If this is held in for 3 seconds it will 'beep.' A text saying 'Help Me!' will be sent to all authorized numbers with a map link. It will then ring the first number. If this fails to be answered it will ring the next. Once answered it will open the speech channel and both parties can speak to each other.
- Listen-in—the authorized number can phone into the Pebbell and listen in without it requiring the wearer to answer the call.
- Fall detection (untested).
- A long battery life—the manufacture's claim up to 40 days in certain circumstances. Otherwise the device needs to be recharged every 5 to 6 days through a USB cabled—supplied.



When the battery is running lower than 20%, it will send an SMS alarm 'BAT:LOW' to all preset numbers.

- A geo-fence alert which can be set if the device moves beyond a certain distance from where it is normally located—done by text.
- It can be connected to Greenwich Telecare who potentially may be able to retrieve the person on 24/7 basis through its first response service.

It is designed to be carried as a key fob but also comes with a black padded pouch or sleeve so it can be carried in a bag or worn on a belt.

If self funding and purchasing independently the device comes with a pay as you go SIM. Credit is put on this via the manufacturer / supplier by accessing their web site and paying on-line at: 'HoIP' Tele-com.' There is no on-going subscription fee but a one off charge of £149.00 which includes VAT.



The unit can be purchased here: [Amana Connect](#)

A decision will be made as to whether Greenwich Telecare will supply the device with a pre-paid roaming (multi-network) SIM on the basis of assessed need. The charge likely to be made will be £5.61 a week or a reduced fee of £3.57 where the person already has a telecare alarm and is paying for this. The device would then be added to Royal

Greenwich's Telecare catalogue.

Some of the advantages are:

- Long battery life makes it attractive and two-way speech.
- Should the wearer become lost and unable to find their way home they can press the SOS button.
- Easy of use in determining a location where someone hasn't returned home at an expected hour.

