

Home Security Products available to purchase from Uttlesford neighbourhood watch

UV PROPERTY MARKING KIT

This Property Marking Kit continues to be a very popular element of broad crime reduction programmes due to its cost effective nature. Marked property helps to make stolen goods become harder to sell. The kit contains: Permanent UV pen, set of laminate labels, set of highly durable warning stickers and instruction leaflet.

REF: OT0256 £1.50

CREMARK KIT

A simple and effective system which permanently marks property with a permanent marker pen and then seals that mark with a CREMARK specifically designed quick drying lacquer. Each kit marks up to 40 items. The kit is effective for overt property marking meaning everyone will be able to see just who the valuable item belongs to, and more importantly, will not be able to remove it. Ideal for garden equipment, mowers, tools and bikes etc.

REF: OT00558 £18.00

PADLOCK ALARM This alarm is ideal for sheds. After a short delay the alarm is active and will sound a warning beep if tampered with, if further movement is detected the padlock will sound an impressive two tone siren scaring off would be thieves. Key operated, Battery operated, Weather proof, fantastic burglary deterrent.

REF: EL00030 £12.00.

DEFENDER DOOR HANDLE ALARM Our most popular selling item. Detects potential intruders before they can open a door. This is the best and loudest (130dBs) door handle. Attractively designed with a white casing, the alarm will hang from any door handle without causing obstruction to its use. Fully portable, ideal for use in caravans hotel rooms etc.

REF: EL00002 £6.00

SENSOR ALARM The PIR Sensor Alarm is a low cost, battery operated alarm. The alarm has a PIR sensor which can detect movement up to 8 metres away and once activated will sound a 105dBs siren. It is quickly armed and disarmed using key fob. Can be used free standing or wall mounted (bracket supplied). 2 remote controls. 4XAA batteries supplied for alarm, and 4XAG-13 batteries supplied for remotes. Ideal for use in homes, offices, caravans, sheds and garages. Completely portable.

REF: EL00121 £15.00

PURSE/BAG CABLES Purse and bag dipping is a growing concern throughout many parts of the UK, particularly for elderly and vulnerable people. This type of crime is often seen in crowded areas, busy shopping halls and on public transport. By securing a purse, wallet or other valuable items to a bag or to the person, thieves will instantly be deterred. The gradual tensioning system helps to ensure that if a thief does attempt to remove the purse, the victim will not be harmed or pulled over as the cable will extend 10 times its original length.

REF: OT00246 75P

PURSE DIPPING BELLS

Our popular purse bells with a handy G-Clip attachment. To raise awareness of purse theft purse dipping bells can be attached to any purse not only alerting the owner of potential theft but educating them to be aware of where their purse is. In addition the sound will deter pickpockets. Ideal for use with a Purse/Bag Cable. (see above).

REF: OT00275 50p

DEFENDER WINDOW SHOCK ALARM

The alarm has two sensitivity settings (high & low). It can also be used on glass door panels. The high sensitivity settings for larger windows or door panels and the low setting is more suitable for smaller windows. If someone tries to force or break the window, the 110decibel alarm will sound to shock and deter the intruder. As well as the loud alarm, a bright red warning sign on the self-adhesive sticker included provides a visual deterrent.

REF: EL00019 £6.00

FAKE TV

Lights up rooms just like a real TV giving the impression someone is home. Ingenious device to deter burglars, when you are away it keeps opportunist thieves at bay by simulating television light, Fake TV uses a built-in computer to control super-bright LEDs to produce light of varying intensity and colour that light up a room just like a real television does. From outside, Fake TV is indistinguishable from a real television, test subjects were unable to tell if the light flickers they were seeing were from the Fake TV or a real one. Mimics scene changes, camera pans, fades, flicks, swells, on screen motion and more. Fake TV is constantly changing, completely unpredictable, and never repeats. Ideal for use with a plug in timer. Mains operated.

REF: OT00329 £23.99

KEYPAD SHED ALARM

Your shed can be an easy target because it is not always easy to see from the house. It might be a long way from your back or nearest door or nearest window, and therefore it can be easier for a thief to break in without you knowing about it. This easy to install alarm helps to tackle this problem. It is controlled using a 4-digit keypad to arm and disarm the 130+ decibel siren. The alarm has an entry and exit delay system, and the sensitivity is adjustable. You can also add an optional external siren for further protection against break-ins.

REF: EL00023 £15.00

REF: EXTRA EXTERNAL ALARM £7.00

TO ORDER: All the items can be purchased on the web site: Uttlesford Neighbourhood Watch and paid for with paypal alternatively they can be ordered by e-mail at g.jacksonelnhw@hotmail.co.uk. Payment can be made by cheque or cash. Items can be collected by mutual arrangement or from Saffron Walden police office in the UDC Offices Saffron Walden.



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Crime Commissioner and Essex Police Public Meeting

More Important Than Ever?

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Essex Police held a public meeting recently to discuss their performance in delivering a police service to residents in Uttlesford.

So, what did we hear? Well, the police station in Saffron Walden will relocate to London Road and the East Street site is now on the market, but - and this is the significant point - the Community Policing Team (that's our local police) will be based there from April. This team will cover Uttlesford, so the temporary base in Great Dunmow will no longer be used. It was also admitted that the 101 non-emergency service is poor, and that response times and poor communications with the public, and especially victims of crime, needs to improve. These important promises need to be delivered and we must hold the police and the PCC to account on these.

But for me, the message is clear; the inevitable cuts that have been imposed on the police service mean that the service we receive is changing and we, as a community, must respond to this. It means that communities will need to take more responsibility for our safety, security and well-being against a background of changing crime and reduced public sector resources.

Neighbourhood Watch is here to help communities to be better



equipped to take on these responsibilities. We offer crime prevention advice; let you know what crimes are happening; encourage greater awareness and report your concerns to the police. We live in a low crime corner of Essex and we can all help to keep it that way by being the 'eyes and ears' in our community - and that is why Neighbourhood Watch is more important than ever.

If you feel that you would benefit from having a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme, or would like to receive information and advice, please complete the application form below. The service is run by volunteer Coordinators across Uttlesford and is free to join.

Alan Johnson
Chair - Uttlesford NhW Steering Group

I want to join or start a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

I want to receive information bulletins (by e-mail)

Name:

Address:

..... Post Code

Phone:

E-Mail:

Details are in held in accordance with the Data Protection Act and are not passed to third parties. Please tick box to agree permission to pass your details to your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and add these to the NWN database.

Please return to: Alan Johnson at nhw@acjohnson4.plus.com or Essex Police Front Desk, c/o Uttlesford District Council, London Road, Saffron Walden

PREVENT YOUR DOG FROM BEING STOLEN

Report a Dog Lost or Stolen

According to the Missing Pets Bureau as many as 38 per cent of all animals reported lost have actually been stolen and as many as 60 per cent of these are tragically never recovered. In spite of these startling figures, many dogs are still left tied up outside shops, or in unattended vehicles where they are easily stolen. Once stolen, a dog can be moved many miles in a short space of time so prevention is vital. Whilst pedigree pets are at the greatest risk due to the cost of purchasing pedigree puppies, non-pedigree dogs can also be at risk as thieves wait for a reward to be offered.

Keeping your dog safe

Think twice before leaving your dog tied up outside a shop. You will make them a vulnerable and a tempting target for opportunist thieves.

Don't leave your dog alone in the car, even for a few minutes. Thieves can easily break into your car to steal your precious pet.

Make sure your dog is micro chipped and that you keep your contact details up-to-date, especially if you move house or change your telephone number.

Your dog should always wear a collar and ID tag with your name and address on it. This is a legal requirement when your dog is in a public place. Avoid putting your dog's name on the disc.

Take clear photographs of your dog from various angles and update them regularly. Make a note of any distinguishing features.

Have lots of photographs of yourself with your dog, to help you to prove ownership if needed.



Train your dog to come back when called and never let him off the lead if you are not sure he will come back to you. If in doubt, use an extending lead, especially if you are in an unfamiliar area where your dog may get lost more easily.

Take care when choosing someone to care for your dog if you are going away from home or need a dog walker whilst you go to work.

Use a reputable company or boarding kennels and check references for people who provide dog or house-sitting services.

At home, make sure your garden is secure and **fit a bell to the gate (or an alarm)** so you hear if anyone opens it.

Keep your dog in view in the garden, don't just leave him outside unsupervised.

If your dog is Missing or Stolen

Report it to the police and make sure you ask for a Crime Reference Number.

Report it to your Local Authority's Dog Warden service.

If your dog is micro chipped, report it to one of the 5 databases which are: Petlog, Anibase, PETtrac, PetProtect and SmartChip.

If your dog is tattooed, report it to the National Dog Tattoo Register.

Check with your local branch of the RSPCA, as well as local animal rescue centres. Inform your vets and inform as many local practices as you can.

Get online - there are a number of search and rescue sites which may be able to help.

Check with your local community - neighbours, postal workers, shops, post offices, and other businesses.

Hand out flyers/posters in your local area - someone may have seen something.

Don't be afraid to approach the local media - newspapers, radio stations and even television could help to publicise your missing dog.

Call: 07716603403 - Dog Theft Action

Your coordinator is:

Fraud and Scams the Risks

A scam is a fraud and who is at risk we all are, you are more likely to become a victim of fraud than any other crime. The villains involved are ruthless care little about their victims and do not discriminate. People of all age groups, and the vulnerable are all liable to fall victim of this crime, the biggest risk is thinking that it could not happen to me. Programmes like "Hustle" glamorize fraud but to a victim there is nothing glamorous about being a victim, it can and does destroy people's lives. Fraud comes from many directions and in many forms constantly evolving and by no means limited to the few examples below:

Postal delivery: Lottery and holiday wins (should be suspicious when you have not even entered it!); sales pitches involving a continued commitment, someone stranded abroad in need of cash, inheritance, and as below in "telephone, computers and the internet" these may come via the post too.

ATM and shops: Distraction at the ATM i.e. dropped cash and "shoulder surfing" for your PIN number, devices attached to the ATM to hold your card and/or read your PIN, "shoulder surfing" at the till in a store followed by a distraction in the car park while you are getting into the car in order to steal your card from within your bag in the car. Contactless credit cards can be read by unauthorised readers, this can be prevented by keeping them in foil card wallets available from some banks and online traders.

Telephone, Computers and the internet: You are told either by telephone or via an E-mail that you have virus in your computer and that you need to give them remote access to your computer, your telephone bill has not been paid and your telephone will be cut off, those in "postal delivery" above may also come via Email, there has been unusual activity on your bank account they obtain your account details from you and send a courier round for your card(s), You have shares in such and such company and we doing a hostile takeover and would like to buy yours - of course there will be a fee, shopping frauds, carbon credit scams. The list would go on and on and I do not have the space to cover them all.

Reporting fraud and further advice is available from Action Fraud <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or ring 0300 123 2040, other sources of advice are: [https://www.essex.police.uk/getmedia/31fbf2b6-a7b6-4d90-842b-ad9f6ec65346/fraud_not_just_a_scam_but_a_crime_](https://www.essex.police.uk/getmedia/31fbf2b6-a7b6-4d90-842b-ad9f6ec65346/fraud_not_just_a_scam_but_a_crime_leaflet.pdf) leaflet.pdf (also available from Essex Police stations). <http://www.met.police.uk/docs/little-book-cyber-scams.pdf> <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Lastly remember if it looks too good to be true invariably it is, and you get nowt for nowt.

Stephen Armson-Smith

New Home Security Products available to purchase from Uttlesford neighbourhood watch

New! 24 HOUR SEGMENT TIMER

This 24 Hour Segment Timer can be used to switch lights and electrical appliances up to 3200W on/off automatically. Typically used as a security device, to switch a lamp on when the house is empty to give the impression someone is home. It also eliminates the need to manually switch lights on and off, reducing risk of tripping cables.

REF: EL00004 £2.60

New! HEINZ SOUP/BEANS SAFE

This ingenious range conceals valuables in authentic looking in either soup or bean cans. Opportunists, bogus callers and sneak in burglars rely on easy pickings being let around. Who would think to look in a genuine tin sitting on a shelf? A simple but effective solution to conceal small valuables. Can be affectively used in the home, caravan or in work places.

REF: OT00318/319 £3.50

New! PIR MOTION SENSOR WITH PLUG RECEIVER

The PIR Sensor with plug receiver is great ways to deter burglars. Simply install the PIR sensor outside a property and plug the receiver unit into a socket within the property, When the PIR detects motion the plug receiver will power the appliance that has been plugged in. Typically a lamp would be plugged into the receiver so that a light will turn on inside the property when motion is detected. This gives the impression that someone is in the house and should deter potential burglars..

REF: OT00925 £39.00

New! PIR CHIME&ALARM

Innovative PIR sensor specifically designed to help prevent sneak in burglaries by detecting movement in a specific area, reducing false alarms, The alarm has a: a loud chime function to announce visitors, and a powerful 130dBs siren to warn off intruders. Can be switched off when not needed. Ideal for use in a variety of places such as window sills, doorways and table tops. Completely transportable.

REF: EL00015 £7.50

New! CARD DEFENDER

Contactless cards are becoming more common with one in ten transactions now being made using this "tap and go" technology Keep contactless credit and debit cards in this RFID blocking sleeve to help prevent card skimming. The Card Defender can also be used to protect Oyster cards and company or student ID cards that contain RFID technology.

REF: OT01011 30p

Please see back page for how to order.