

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 of the items are available on our Uttlesford Neighbourhood Watch web site, where you can pay with Pay Pal, alternatively they can be ordered by e-mail at: g.jacksonsnhw@hotmail.co.uk Payment is by cheque only; all items will be delivered to either Saffron Walden or Dunmow police stations for your collection.



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ABTA and Police issue warning on rising holiday booking fraud.

Findings from a report compiled by the NFIB reveal the scale of the crime and expose common tactics used by fraudsters. The most common types relate to:

- **Holiday accommodation** - According to the report almost a third (30%) of holiday fraud victims in 2013 were scammed by the fraudulent advertisement of holiday villas and apartments, with some arriving at their destination to discover they had nowhere to stay.
- **Airline tickets** - where a customer believes they are booking a flight and receives a fake ticket or pays for a ticket that never turns up. This is the most second most common type of holiday booking fraud reported to the police in 2013. Average losses are more than £1000 per victim, with flights to West Africa a particular target.
- **Package holidays** - particularly group, sports and religious packages. A YouGov poll for ABTA back in 2013 revealed that one in ten consumers (9%) do nothing to research their travel company, such as checking if it is a member of a trade association such as ABTA (which has a code of conduct in place to protect consumers), asking friends and family for recommendations, or running a web search. ABTA, the NFIB and Get Safe Online have published advice on how to avoid becoming a victim of holiday booking fraud - and on how victims should go about reporting it, including the top tips below:

- Do your research: Don't just rely on one review, do a thorough online search to ensure the company's credentials. If a company is defrauding people there is a good chance that consumers will post details of their experiences, and warnings about the company, online.
- Look for the logo: Check whether the company is a member of a recognised trade body such as ABTA. You can verify membership of ABTA online, at www.abta.com
- Stay safe online: Check the web address is legitimate and has not been altered by slight changes to a domain name - such as going from .co.uk to .org
- Pay safe: Never pay directly into an owner's bank account. Paying by direct bank transfer is like paying by cash - the money cannot be traced and is not refundable. Where possible, pay by credit card, (or a debit card that offers protection).
- Check paperwork: You should study receipts, invoices and terms and conditions, and beware of any companies that don't provide any at all.
- Use your instincts: If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Report it - victims should contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via www.actionfraud.police.uk

Crime

Prevention Advice

Marking your possessions makes them less attractive to burglars because they are hard to sell on and too hot to handle. Every year we recover property worth thousands of pounds but are unable to return it to its rightful owner because it can't be properly identified. We hope you are never the victim of theft but you can increase the chances of being reunited with any stolen items by registering them on the Immobilise website. Thousands of items of property are lost or stolen each year in the UK. The Immobilise national Property Register already holds the details of 20 million items of property. Add yours now to protect your property and to help Police stop property crime. You can register your property FREE at www.immobilise.com, it only takes a couple of minutes and once you have registered you will have a better chance of getting your property back if it's lost or stolen. If any registered property is lost or stolen report it to Immobilise via your online account. This information is then made available nationally to all major UK Police forces via their online systems. If your registered property is recovered either the Police or Immobilise will contact you and let you know its location.

How can I mark my property?

Ultraviolet marking: Use an ultraviolet pen to leave a mark which only becomes visible under a UV lamp. The mark can fade over time so needs to be renewed regularly. **Visible marking:** Use a Cremark visible marking pen to leave a permanent mark on any item such as DIY tools, garden tools, mowers, bicycles and any other valuable items without cutting or scratching the surface. These products are available from Uttlesford Neighbourhood Watch. Please see back page for further information.

Your coordinator is:

"No Bobbies on the Beat" says Nick Alston PCC Essex

Following my interview with The Times newspaper, there has been much debate about the role that "bobbies on the beat" should play in policing our communities. I welcome that debate. It is one that needs to continue and develop. Oddly when many feel I should be making the case for what the public 'want', expressed as visible policing - **bobbies on the beat** - I am having to make the case for what I feel we should as citizens be asking for - safer communities and more effective and efficient policing.

The Chair of the National Police Chiefs Council Sara Thornton added to that debate at the annual Police Foundation John Harris Memorial Lecture. Having made the case powerfully that there is no evidence that increasing or decreasing routine patrols has any effect on crime, service delivery to citizens or to feelings of security, she went on to argue that when police patrols focussed on crime hot spots it can be effective, as can offender based policing.

I fully agree. But I rather doubt this is what the public think of as 'bobbies on the beat'. In a letter I received, a former long-serving Essex Police officer with a close knowledge of neighbourhood policing over the decades wrote: "un-targeted foot patrols are a waste of time and an unwise use of the limited resources now available". How the Chief Constable uses his or her resources does of course open a further debate about the role of Police and Crime Commissioners.

My own view is that this is largely the operational space of the Chief Constable - but I hope and expect the Chief listens to my opinions and ensures his plans are in line with my Plan. I believe firmly in local policing. Not easy to define but at its heart this means giving local police commanders the freedom and discretion to engage with and police their communities sensitive to the needs of those communities and the opportunities for partnership working that they present to address the local risks and harms. It can't be just about policing; it has to include engagement and even integration with social care, the mental health trusts, community safety partners and many others. Local police leaders should engage with their

communities and with partners in the ways that are right in that locality, whether through the local council, a mosque, a school or university or community groups.

The more the police engage on the terms and on the ground of the local community rather than on their own terms the more effective it is likely to be. Policing has to be done 'with' the community rather than 'to' it. Local policing will include focused retail teams working with shops, town centre teams working with the homeless and street drinkers, youth officers engaged in our schools, officers patrolling our night time areas when bars and clubs are closing. They will engage with communities in a structured way to build and support those vital relationships that deliver community intelligence. But where are the harms in our society? Almost every day, the rape of a child is reported to the police in Essex - 361 last year. That is shocking and intolerable.

There are 18 house burglaries or attempted burglaries every day in Essex, and 80 domestic abuse incidents requiring a police response. These, and horrific crimes like child sexual exploitation will not be solved by bobbies on the beat. We need intelligence analysts, detectives with investigative skills, skilled crime scene investigators, safeguarding experts, and many others to stop these awful crimes and bring the perpetrators to justice.

House burglaries have reduced by 10 per cent each year for the past two years in Essex not through 'bobbies on the beat' but through intelligence-led policing, putting officers and PCSOs into areas where police identify burglars are operating. Retail crime teams in several Essex towns have had even more dramatic results.

Our communities have largely changed out of all recognition. How many people even really know their neighbours or those up and down the street or across the village? Who is at home during the day? How do we all now communicate? Surely more chats happen on Facebook than across garden fences. We simply can't go back to earlier times, and who would want to when so many awful crimes were simply not talked about?



Whether we are talking about the hidden harms of domestic violence, serious sexual violence, the online sexual grooming or radicalisation of our children, or the defrauding of the elderly - for these are the crimes that are increasing rapidly - the front line of policing is typically a front room.

Bobbies on the beat offer little, if anything at all, to this crucial work. We must go with the evidence and stimulate real debate about this important topic.

Yes let's have police patrolling crime and ASB hotspots; yes let's have focussed local policing working with partners to address community safety and yes lets have our police much more accessible to their public using modern and effective means. But please let's focus on what is causing real harm in our communities and be honest and determined to do the very best we can with the resources available.

Nick Alston Essex Police and Crime Commissioner
www.essex.pcc.police.uk



THE CHAIRMAN WRITES: Supporting Neighbourhood Watch

We held our Annual General Meeting earlier in the year. I was re-elected again as Chairman of the Steering Group, and also welcomed a new Vice Chairman, Graham Jackson and Treasurer, Derrick Giffin. We said a huge thank you to retiring officers; Mike McCook-Weir, Berenice Smith and Minute Secretary James Briggs. All three have served NhW for a number of years for which we are truly grateful.

In the last edition I appealed for a couple of 'techy' posts and I'm glad to say that a new volunteer has stepped forward to take on the management of the website and the overhaul of our database.

Please have a look at the updated website which is full of useful information and is now kept up to date. I hope you like it.

We continue to produce a weekly Crime Report and Crime Prevention advice bulletin. This goes to over 400 people every week and feedback is very positive. To receive this bulletin, simply complete the registration form shown below.

This will held in accordance with the Data Protection Act on our local gmail account, and, with your permission, will shortly be transferred to the Essex Community Messaging system to receive both Essex Police and NhW messages.

Of course, you can be ahead of the game by registering on the Police ECM system by visiting the website www.essex.police.uk and click on the ECM link (and please don't forget to mention that you belong to Neighbourhood Watch).

Essex Police

It seems with every report I write for the Observer I am referring to changes in the way Essex Police delivers its service to the public. For the past ten years we have become accustomed to **Neighbourhood Policing** as the means by which we had **local policing** delivered by a Team who were visible in the community and who we got to know.

That concept is changing; we now have Local Policing and team members operate from a Hub which is managed from Braintree, but will have a presence in Uttlesford. Most of the Hub team - comprising PCs and PCSOs - will be allocated work as a response to calls from the public; leaving little time to be 'visible' in the community. So, for those of you that want to see the 'bobby on the beat', it looks as though you're going to be disappointed. This model is being used across Essex and we are in contact with our local Police managers to understand how things are working out.

We'll keep you in touch, but please let me have your views (nhw@acjohnson4.plus.com).

Community Agents Essex (CAE)

This valuable community service has been going for nearly a year and the results of the support we are giving to vulnerable people wanting to live at home are most encouraging. NhW works in collaboration with the Red Cross, the Rural Community Council for Essex, and Age UK and the scheme is funded by Essex County Council Social Care. As a partner, our job is to be the 'eyes and ears' of the community - just as we are on crime related matters - and to pass on our neighbours details (with their permission of course) to the Community Hub on 0800 977 5858.

As part of this service we are also re-launching the highly successful Message in a Bottle scheme and you can read all about this on the website. You can also get supplies from your Coordinator.

In addition, I would ask you to consider becoming a Community Agent Volunteer. This would take up any time you can spare to support the CAE service in your local area. If this sounds interesting use this link to find out more www.communityagentsessex.org.uk/Volunteer.aspx or call 01376 574341 or email enquiries@caessex.org.uk.

Joining or Starting A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme



Neighbourhood Watch is the largest and most successful Crime Prevention initiative in the UK. Behind it lies a very simple idea; that standing together makes communities stronger in the face of crime. This central value is shared by millions of people around the country.

If you are interested in becoming involved in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, please complete the tear off slip. It may be that you are already part of established scheme, or if we have sufficient response we will let you know when a local meeting has been arranged so you can come along and find out more. In the meantime, if you would like any further information or receive regular Information Bulletins (or any Messaging System that replaces it), please complete the form below.

I WANT TO JOIN OR START A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME Tick
 I WANT TO RECEIVE INFORMATION BULLETINS (by e-mail) Tick

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 messaging database Please return to: **Alan Johnson at nhw@acjohnson4.plus.com or 4 Tenterfields, Newport, Saffron Walden, CB11 3UW.**