

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

TO ORDER

For further information visit our web site www.uttlesfordnhw.org.uk all items can be ordered and paid for by Paypal. Items can also be ordered by e-mail g.jackson@nhw.org.uk

Payment can be made by cheque or cash only. Orders can be collected from Saffron Walden police station or collected or delivered by other mutual arrangement.



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WINTER IS COMING

With long dark nights and bad weather approaching and, dare we say it, `Christmas`, the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour will increase, as will issues for personal safety in and outside your home. So, what can you do?

Let's start with safety

Inspect and test lights on your cars and bicycles.

Test smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. Don't have one; install at least one on each level of your home.

Ensure you have spare batteries for torches, smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

Speak to your local fire safety officer to arrange a free home fire safety visit.

Test timers that switch on home and security lighting.

Ensure you have high visibility jackets in the car for yourself and each passenger in case of emergency.

Cyclists, motorcyclists, pedestrians, joggers and dogs should all wear high visibility clothing whilst out on the roads.

Report any street lights that are not working to Essex County Council (each lamp column has a number on it).

Now security

Inspect and test security lighting. Test light timers and set them to come on at various times.

Secure garden tools/mowers etc. that will not be used for several months.

Check the locks work on your doors, windows, gates, sheds, outbuildings and oil tanks etc. Consider a house alarm and/or CCTV being installed (these are the best deterrents against burglary) If you already have these, have they been tested/serviced recently?

Set your alarm and lock all windows and doors when going out. Removing keys from locks is a condition of insurance.

Many more homes are installing cost effective CCTV kits (Plug & Play) Insure you only gather images of your property and speak with a local security company for a more professionally installed system.

Are you in a Neighbourhood Watch Group? If not consider starting or joining one.

Dog walkers consider joining `Dog Watch` a local community initiative to encourage dog walkers to lookout for and report suspicious activity, anti-social behaviour etc.

Do not put Christmas presents around the tree. Hide them, use the loft if possible or place them around the house in various cupboards.

Sign up to Essex Community Messaging. ECM <http://www.essex.police.uk/ecm> to receive accurate and up-to-date community information and crime prevention advice.

For more advice on these and other security issues visit the Essex Police web site http://www.essex.police.uk/be_safe.aspx

Consider elderly and/or vulnerable persons living nearby that may require your help and assistance with the above.

Your coordinator is:

Council Tax Scam"

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau's (NFIB) Proactive Intelligence Team is warning people of a new approach being used by fraudsters to carry out vishing scams. Fraudsters have been phoning victims telling them that they have been placed in the wrong council tax bracket for a number of years and are entitled to a rebate. They normally say that this rebate should be worth about £7,000. Since mid July 2015, Action Fraud has received 16 reports.

Once the victim is convinced, the fraudster tells them that in order to receive the rebate they will need to pay an administration fee in advance. The payment they ask for varies between £60-£350. The victim provides the details and makes the payment, but then is no longer able to make contact with the person they spoke to on the phone. When they phone their council about the rebate and the fact that they are in the wrong tax bracket, the council will confirm that they know nothing about it and that they have been contacted by fraudsters.

The fraudsters have mainly been targeting both male and female victims who are aged 60 and over and live in the Sussex area, but it is likely that the fraudsters will also start to target victims in other areas.

Head of Action Fraud, Pauline Smith said: "Fraudsters are relentless and will work tirelessly to find new ways to convince people to part with their money. These criminals make several calls and will be particularly convincing and provide good reason for why the person should make an immediate payment. We urge people to be vigilant and never respond to these callers who are simply trying to scam you".

How to protect yourself:

- Never respond to unsolicited phone calls.
- Your local council won't ever phone out-of-the-blue to discuss a council tax rebate. If you receive a call of this nature, put the phone down straight away.
- No legitimate organisation will ask you to pay an advanced fee in order to receive money, so never give them your card details.
- If you think you have been a victim of fraud, hang up the phone and wait five minutes to clear the line as fraudsters sometimes keep the line open. Then call your bank or card issuer to report the fraud. Where possible, use a different phone line to make the phone call.

What can I get them for Christmas?

Stuck for something to buy them for Christmas? Why not buy them something from our range of security items on the back page.

Visit our web site www.uttlesfordnhw.org.uk to see the whole range of security items available to purchase. Our most popular items are the shed alarm, fake TV and marking kits. It could help them be more secure all year round, not just for Christmas.

YOUR POLICE STATIONS



Saffron Walden Police Station

Saffron Walden Police Station will stay open with proposed front counter services provided from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

An average of two people per hour per day visit Saffron Walden police station's front counter.

Research carried out over two separate months showed 551 people visited Saffron Walden police station's front counter.

Saffron Walden police station will house; local policing teams; CID; domestic abuse investigation teams; and public protection.

Great Dunmow Police Station

Great Dunmow police station front counter will be closed to the public. The station currently houses the Business Centre and support staff.

Research carried out over two separate months showed 376 people visited the front counter. A large proportion of these visitors were making deliveries to the business centre.

People can continue to use 101 for non emergencies and 999 in an emergency to contact the police.

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The Future of Policing (at least for the time being)

In early October Essex Police announced the latest changes to the way it operates and the impact on police personnel. There was a general sense of relief that Saffron Walden police station will remain open (and for longer hours than at present), although this is a facility that is being used less and less by the public. However, the major impact will be on the way the front line officers will be used and the number of people there are to carry out these new duties.

The essential facts for Uttlesford are:

There will be a new Community Policing Team for Uttlesford and Braintree would be made up of: one local policing and partnerships inspector, two sergeants, eight constables, two dedicated youth officers and six PCSOs.

- The team will be locally based and will prioritise: protecting people from harm; preventing and reducing crime; bringing criminals to justice; engaging with the public; and ensuring the public are satisfied with the service they receive.
- The team will work closely with partners to deal with all aspects of neighbourhood policing, from tackling night-time economy related violence to responding to emerging crime trends.
- They will not deal with low level non-policing matters such as long-term neighbourhood disputes, low level anti-social behaviour and parking issues, but will work alongside partners, for example the local authority

and the Community Safety Partnership, who will address these matters.

- The impact on affected staff, 20 of the 27 PCSOS jobs in Uttlesford & Braintree may be removed. Affected staff would be retained as PCSOs, redeployed elsewhere in the force or made redundant. The new Community Policing Team for Uttlesford & Braintree will retain six PCSO jobs.
- The Community Policing Teams will hold monthly Local Community Meetings where residents can raise their crime-related concerns. Street meets will be discontinued.

So there you have it. To our mind this demonstrates that the police, not unreasonable, expect the public to look out for themselves when it comes to preventing crime and reporting anything of concern to them. This situation only underlines the importance of a strong Neighbourhood Watch scheme; and in this regard Newport is probably the best equipped village in the District.

Keep up to date

But there are ways in which we can be even stronger, and both involve better ways of keeping in touch.

We produce a weekly NhW Bulletin which provides updates on the latest crime in the area along with advice on crime prevention. Simple complete this form and return it to us (you also apply on-line by visiting our website www.uttlesfordnhw.org.uk/joinstart.html

I WANT TO RECEIVE WEEKLY NhW 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 Coordinator and add these to the NWN database

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

Sign up for Essex Community Messaging (ECM). This is a messaging system offered by Essex Police and you can apply through this link on the website www.essex.police.uk/contact_us/community_messaging.aspx Community Agent Scheme funds

Message in a Bottle



We have reported on the availability of the recently launched Community Agents service across the county and how to refer people who think may benefit from it. We can now announce that the scheme is also funding the very successful Message in a Bottle scheme, and you can obtain supplies by getting in touch with Derrick Giffin on 01799 543622.

And if you already have a Bottle, it's important to remember to check that's it up date.

Alan Johnson