

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 110 decibel 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.jacksonslnhw@hotmail.co.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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Crime Prevention Advice (supplied by Action Fraud)

This is an update to a previous alert sent from Action Fraud in November 2015.

Fraudsters are setting up high specification websites advertising various electrical goods and domestic appliances. These goods are below market value and do not exist. The website will state you can pay via card; however when the purchaser goes to pay, this option is not available and the payment must be made via bank transfer.

The fraudster entices the purchaser and reassures them it is a legitimate purchase by using the widely recognised Trusted Shop Trustmark. They then use the Trustmark fraudulently and provide a link on the bogus electrical website to another bogus website (which purports to be Trusted Shops). This website shows a fake certificate purporting to be from Trusted Shops and provides thousands of reviews for the bogus electrical website. These reviews are all fraudulent. The website has not been certified by Trusted Shops and therefore the purchaser is not covered by the Trusted Shop money-back guarantee.

Protect yourself:

- Check the authenticity of the website before making any purchases. Conduct a 'Whois' search on the website which

will identify when the website has been created - Be wary of newly formed domains. You can conduct this search using the following website - <https://who.is>

- Conduct online research in relation to the website, company name and the business address provided to identify any poor feedback or possible irregularities.
- Check the Trusted Shops Facebook page where warnings about websites using their Trustmark are published. If you are in doubt about the legitimacy of a Trustmark then you can contact Trusted Shops on 0203 364 5906 or by email service@trustedshops.co.uk. They will confirm whether they have certified that website.
- Payments made via bank transfer are not protected should you not receive the item. Therefore always try to make the payment via PayPal or a credit card where you have some payment cover should you not receive your product.

- If the item advertised seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS ELECTIONS

Elections for Police and Crime Commissioners will be on Thursday the 5th of May 2016.

Voters in 41 police force areas in England & Wales, excluding London, will elect a Police and Crime Commissioner.

To vote in a Police and Crime Commissioner election a person must be registered to vote and also be one of the following:

- 18 years of age or over on polling day
- a British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the European Union
- resident in the UK
- not be subject to any legal incapacity to vote

More information on elections can be found at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Your coordinator is:



Working with: RCCE, British Red Cross, Age UK, Neighbourhood Watch and funded by Essex County Council

An innovative new partnership, supporting older people and their informal carers.

- Promoting health and independence.
- Reducing social isolation.
- Finding practical solutions to daily living.
- Informing choice and reducing confusion.
- A Community agent will visit you at home to discuss and help with:
- Mobility issues- where equipment, adaptations, or technology could support independence, or where, travel, social interaction and physical activity could sustain and improve well being.
- Practical living skills-after a significant life event, such as bereavement or hospital stay, supporting people to gain or regain practical skills such as paying bills, taking medication or getting to appointments.
- Social inclusion-connecting people into one-to-one and group interactions or activities; or supporting the use of technology-based interaction and social media.
- Healthy living-enabling or supporting people to prepare meals or linking individuals into community activities such as lunch clubs.

- Caring for someone- for people new to caring or for people who have been caring for some time and struggling to cope in their changing role. Help them to access practical support, information, advice and peer support.
- Individual resilience-by providing advice and support that ensures correct entitlement to benefits and pension and increase personal safety and security.

For more information visit: www.communityagentsessex.org.uk.

To arrange a free visit call: 08009 775858 or 01376 574341

Alternatively you can e-mail: enquiries@caessex.org.uk

The intervention of the Uttlesford Community Agent helped to improve the lives and wellbeing of an elderly couple, Mr and Mrs X.

Mr X had a stroke a couple of years ago and his mobility was declining. His health which had been fairly good had now begun to deteriorate and he was starting to trip up as he walked.

He was advised to use a walking stick to get around by his GP and occupational therapist, which he did outside the home but was very reluctant to use around the house.

His wife was becoming very concerned as he appeared to be getting worse on his feet but he insisted that he didn't need to use it around the house.

Frustrations were building within the relationship and so Mrs X phoned her local Community Agent and asked them to visit.

Having looked at the situation the agent suggested Mr X try a Trilator walking frame which was ordered from the British Red Cross – one of the partners in Community Agents Essex. He agreed to give it a go but said he didn't hold out much hope.

A couple of days later Mrs X phoned to thank the Community Agent for visiting and said the conversation about her husband's mobility had made things much easier between them.

He was delighted with his walking frame and had been using it around the home and when they went out. She said she felt a sense of relief and was far less anxious because now their conversations didn't revolve around walking and bickering with him about using his stick. In fact she said their relationship had dramatically improved and they had even been out to dinner together

"It is wonderful," she said, "I feel I have my lovely husband back again."

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Uttlesford NhW Steering Group AGM

Thursday 17th May at 19.30

Thaxted Day Centre, Vicarage Mead, Thaxted, CM6 2RL

(To the rear of the Margaret Street Car Park)

Guest speakers from Essex police

Car Key Burglaries



In some cases burglars are breaking into houses while you sleep with the intention of finding your car keys and stealing your car and any other small items they find on the way, what can I do?

Firstly, before you turn in for the night check that all doors, ground floor windows and easily accessible windows are closed and locked.

PVCu doors - don't forget that the door is not fully locked until you have lifted the inside handle and turned the key or thumb-turn.

When replacing a Euro profile lock cylinder ensure that you get a TS1007 three star anti-snap, anti-bump lock cylinder.

If you have an intruder alarm and can do so activate the downstairs zone when you go to bed.

To stop the burglar getting to the vulnerable windows and doors to the rear ensure that side gates are closed and locked.

Please also ensure that you put your car keys somewhere safe and out of sight, when you return home. Put your car keys in a

drawer (preferably one that is noisy to open) or some other secure place, but don't take them up to the bedroom with you.

If you have cars of different values, please park the higher value car in your garage. If you can't do this, please park the lower value car in front of the higher value car, as the thieves are more likely to target high value cars and will be deterred if they can't easily drive such a car away from the scene.

With high value cars consider the fitting of a tracking system, word of caution you get what you pay for, look for a system that uses RF frequency, 3 or 4G phone networks SIM as well as satellite connection GPS. There are even systems where you can "Geo-fence" the vehicle location so that if it moves beyond this the tracking system is activated.

For further crime prevention advice contact your local Crime Prevention Officer using the police non emergency number 101.

Stephen Armson-Smith

Competition - Win a Fake TV

The Simulated TV (OT00825) is a great way to deter burglars as it gives the illusion that the TV is being watched as it simulates television light. A built-in computer controls the bright LEDs which produce light of varying intensity and colour that light up a room just like a real TV. This gives the impression that someone is in the house. The Simulated TV is almost indistinguishable from a real television as the varying intensity and colour changes mimic a real television.

What is the non emergency number to dial to contact the police? A: 111 B: 101 C: 110

Name:

Address:

Post Code: Email:

I am interested in becoming a member of the NhW scheme in my area YES/NO
I am a member but would like to be a street/area coordinator YES/NO

Please send to: Alan Johnson 4 Tenterfields, Newport, Saffron Walden CB11 3UW
 or email your answer and details to: nhw@acjohnson4.plus.com

Please tick box to agree permission to pass your details to your local NhW Co-ordinator and add these to the messaging database.

Closing date for competition, 30th April 2016. Draw will take place at our AGM on 17th May 2016.

Joining or starting a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Neighbourhood Watch is the largest and most successful Crime Prevention initiative in the UK. Behind it lays 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 above form. 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 above. Details are in held in accordance with the Data Protection Act and are not passed to third parties.