

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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TIPS FOR A CRIME FREE CHRISTMAS

The tips for a crime free Christmas start before you leave your house, after all you don't want come home to find the house broken into.

Garden tools securely locked away in the shed - Burglars will be happy to use your tools to break into your house.

1. Create the illusion your home is occupied - Radio and lights on a timer in rooms you would normally occupy, there is even a device called "Fake TV" that flashes a series of lights when it gets dark that looks like the TV is on.
2. Lock up properly not just your windows and doors in the house, but also any gates and outbuildings.
3. Choose a "Park Mark" car park where you can <http://www.parkmark.co.uk> By choosing a Park Mark® Safer Parking facility you are visiting a car park that has been vetted by the Police and has measures in place in order to create a safer environment for both you and your vehicle.
4. Leave nothing in sight within your car, remove the "Sat Nav" cradle and clean the mark on the windscreen.
5. When you lock your car with the remote look for the light flash confirmation or better still try the door handle before leaving the car.

6. Now you're starting your shop watch your purse, wallet, mobile phone and handbag especially in busy places, don't leave them on display in bags or on counters while you pay, and while you're paying watch that no one is watching you entering your PIN when making purchases or withdrawing cash.

7. Time to stop for lunch or a cuppa, don't drop your guard. Mobile phone on the table, shopping by the chair, wallet or purse visible coat, jacket or handbag over the chair, if a thief sees it a thief will steal it.
8. Need to off load some of those purchases in the car, look around are you being watched? Back to (5 & 6) above again.
9. Time go home, don't fall for any distractions while you load the car i.e. "you dropped some money" pointing to cash on the ground, holding a map "can you tell me the way to...". While you are engaged the second person steals from your car on the other side. Close and lock your car before speaking to anyone.

Further crime prevention advice can be obtained by contacting Stephen Armson-Smith the Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer on ext 407110 or Angie Pearson the Colchester Crime Prevention Officer ext 436127 using the Police Non-Emergency number of 101 or see <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice> If you know who is committing crime or handling stolen property call Essex Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



HEATING OIL

As it comes to the time when you are thinking about topping up your heating oil tank for winter, with the value of fuel it is worth considering its security. In the more isolated parts of the countryside it is primarily domestic properties that have been targeted by the heating oil thieves, but we have also seen such thefts at farms and other businesses. There are a number of security devices available that will protect your fuel supplies - details of which can be found via your fuel supplier or local plumber's merchant. One such system is "GPRS Fuel-Oil Alarm" from www.compoundsecurity.co.uk and Tank Commander - www.commandersecurity.co.uk which have "Secured by Design" accreditation; these products will detect a dramatic drop in fuel and calls you on the telephone. There are also other systems that will add on to an existing intruder alarm system, whilst others protect the filler cap and there are of course the conventional locks. Another consideration would be defensive planting around the tank, concealing it and restricting access to it by gates or fencing, and where possible locating the tank under lighting in view of lived in rooms within the house.

Looking for an ideal Christmas present?

Take a look at our back page there you will find a whole range of useful security items, such as the Fake TV, gives the illusion of someone at home when you are out. The padlock shed alarm. Door, and window alarms, and much more.

Your coordinator is:

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE (PROVIDED BY ESSEX POLICE)

FRAUD AND SCAMS - THE RISKS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

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" glamourise 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.

Telephone, Computers and the internet: You are told either by telephone or via an email that you have a 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.

Christmas gone and you have some new goodies

Over Christmas you may have been lucky enough to have received some rather nice gifts.

What did you do with the packaging? Left it by the roadside for the recycling collection? What better advert to the thief of where to find some new things to steal. Where possible fold the boxes inside out, or tear the box up, or package it in something else, or take it to the recycling centre yourself.

How many of us have thought about recording the serial numbers or property marking it. Be it a cycle, electrical goods, garden equipment or mobile phone it may have a serial number.

You can record your serial numbers free or charge at <https://www.immobilise.com/index.php> and there are a number of property marking products available like indelible pens, SelectaDNA, SmartWater, CRE mark by CRE products to name but a few.

With jewellery and antiques don't forget to take photographs of it, include an "Object ID card" or ruler in a photograph to give it a scale. Some of these property marking products may also be suitable and you can now upload images to Immobilise too. Mobile phone and personal music devices: Don't forget to make a note of the IME number of a mobile phone, to find it key in *#06#, with this if it's stolen you can block it. Many TV's, mobile phones, computers and other electronics come pre-loaded with security and/or tracking software, make sure that it is activated. If you are storing valuable college work or other on that nice new laptop don't forget to back up your work elsewhere just in case you lose the laptop.

You can download an "App" on mobile phones to find your phone and more importantly wipe that data stored on it, check your "App store" or mobile phone provider.



The list would go on and on and there is 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/PDF/fraud_not_just_a_scam_but_a_crime_leaflet.pdf

(also available from Essex Police stations). <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

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



When texting or talking on phones, or listening to music remain "in touch" with your surroundings, a number of road accidents, thefts and assaults occur when we fail to note what's going on around us, don't forget to pass this advice on to children.

If you would like further crime prevention advice "Do it Online": <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> or contact your local Crime Prevention Advisor by using the Police Non-Emergency Telephone Number of 101. Another good source of crime prevention advice is: <https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com>

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PHISHING SCAM

There is a phishing email currently in circulation that claims to be from the City of London Police. The departments that it claims to represent include the 'Fraud Intelligence Unit' and the 'National Fraud Intelligence Bureau'. The email is titled 'compensation fund' and has a letter attachment that claims to be offering financial compensation to victims of fraud. The letter uses the City of London Police logo. The letter states that in order for compensation to be arranged, the receiver of the email should reply disclosing personal information. It states that HSBC and the South African Reserve Bank have been chosen to handle the compensation claims. All of these claims are false. The email and letter are fraudulent and should not be replied to. Protect Yourself opening attachments or clicking links contained within emails from unknown sources could result in your device being infected with malware or a virus. The City of London Police and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau will never email you asking for you to disclose personal information. Sent to Neighbourhood Watch on behalf of Action Fraud

WHY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

There are many positive reasons for being involved with Neighbourhood Watch, one being the successful partnership working with police who can have a positive impact to the area in which you live and work. Despite the huge pressure Essex Police are under, officers and community policing team can work hard on issues with great understanding. Through the successful partnership working between the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and community police officer, warrants on an identified location can be successfully executed with positive results - Well done Essex Police and Neighbourhood Watch! Having trust in a local officer and regular communication with a familiar local policing team is invaluable to both the community and police collectively. Police need the public to work with them more than ever, the successful partnership working between police and NHW is making impressive changes to local communities'. Find out more about joining or starting a Neighbourhood Watch group where you live by contacting Alan Johnson on nhw@acjohnson4.plus.com or 01799 543153.

MESSAGE FROM ESSEX POLICE AND PCC

A statement in North Uttlesford received from Essex Police relating to the provision of a Police Station in Saffron Walden (please see the website www.uttlesfordnhw.org.uk to read in full).

This has been followed by a further statement relating to the sale of former police stations; and an extract from this is shown below (I have only mentioned those in Uttlesford and this does not include the Saffron Walden premises in East Street):

In October last year Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh and the then Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex announced plans to reduce the existing Police Estate from 80 to 30 buildings.

These buildings cost £10 million a year in running costs and require a further £30 million of maintenance work to bring them up to standard. Essex Police can better spend some of this money to fight and prevent crime more effectively.

In line with the Estate Programme several properties will be placed on the open market in the coming days. These are:

Stansted Mountfitchet former Police Office - The Police Office in Hargrave Close had a publicly accessible front counter which closed in 2011 although the site remained in use until recently.

Thaxted former Police Office - The police office has never been publicly accessible.

Police in Saffron Walden are a step closer to moving into shared accommodation with Uttlesford District Council (UDC) after the lease was signed for The Lodge. The Lodge is a self-contained building in the grounds of Uttlesford District Council's site in London Road, Saffron Walden.

The building will be used as an operational base by Essex Police and will house the Local Policing and Community Policing teams and Special Constables for Braintree and Uttlesford. Residents can also continue to report crime at the council's main offices in London Road where Essex Police staff a front counter five days a week.



The Community Policing Team for Braintree and Uttlesford will continue to work with the community and partners to prevent and reduce crime, to protect people from harm and to bring criminals to justice.

The shared premises with Uttlesford District Council will also enable closer and better partnership working. The police front desk at UDC offices in London Road is open Mondays to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Fridays 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Work will begin to get the building up to the technological and security standards required by police as soon as possible.

It is hoped the officers and staff will be in place by early next year.

