



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BULLETIN

Uttoxeter and District SmartWater Initiative

Dear Neighbour,

The purpose of this bulletin is to bring to your attention the fact that Uttoxeter & District Neighbourhood Watch gave a presentation at the April Denstone Parish Council AGM as to the deterrent benefits to be derived from the introduction of a SmartWater scheme in our community.

For those of you not familiar with "SmartWater", this is a fluid that can be easily applied to any of your valuable possessions such as jewellery, cameras, mobile phones, TV's, bicycles etc. and this will permanently code that item as belonging to you as the registered owner on a Police Data Base. Once dry this fluid is invisible and virtually impossible to remove by a thief but its presence can be detected by ultra-violet light and its code can be read by the enforcement agencies.

More information can be found at: -

<http://www.smartwater.com/Personal/Products/Forensic-Property-Coding.aspx>

This technology has been used for many years by the Security Industry but now it is becoming affordable to the general public due to the introduction of schemes like this one. With the criminal fraternity becoming more informed about this technology SmartWater has become a major deterrent to the "opportunist" burglar.

With this proven technology the Police can quickly identify and return stolen goods but more importantly it has been proven to substantially reduced crime in areas where a scheme has been introduced covering large numbers of homes. The % crime reduction figures are impressive. The greater number of homes we can get to join the Membership and purchase the Home Pack the better will be the effective reduction in crime. Fortunately Denstone has a low crime rate but we still need to reduce our risk to the absolute minimum.

U&D NHW have negotiated a special price with SmartWater Technology Ltd. to provide a Home Coding Pack, available to all Uttoxeter & District Neighbourhood Watch Members, for a **one-off payment of £20**. There is no cost to become a Member, you just register and this one pack can mark many items (probably up to 50 or more) and there will be no ongoing Annual Subscription involved as normally required.

Highly visible window signage for your property is included in the pack and providing enough households take part in the scheme by joining as a Member and purchasing a pack, Neighbourhood Watch intend to provide street signs indicating that the Area is SmartWater protected.

You are cordially invited to a meeting on Wed 13th June 2012 at 7.00pm in Uttoxeter Town Hall when Uttoxeter & District NHW have invited a representative from SmartWater to give a presentation and answer any questions you may have regarding the use and effectiveness of SmartWater to reduce crime on our doorsteps. You will also be able to register your membership and order your Home Pack at this meeting if you wish.

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A copy of the April NHW Newsletter is available for you to read at Denstone Post Office or if you would like your own copy by email you can download a copy from the Denstone Website by following the link:

<http://www.denstonevillage.org.uk/index.php/community/>

NHW hope you can be convinced of the benefits to our community that can be achieved by joining as a Member and taking advantage of this offer as obviously the more properties protected the greater the collective deterrent.

We hasten to stress that this initiative is another measure to deter thieves but ensuring high quality door and window locks and diligence in securing all doors and windows when out or at night, including sheds and outbuildings containing valuables, is paramount.

If I can be of any assistance by providing Membership forms or other advice and if you cannot attend the Uttoxeter meeting please feel free to call me on 01889 590844.

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