

Security Lighting

There is no doubt that security lighting can deter burglars and it also reduces the fear of crime. A simple plug in timer could be enough to stop an opportunist criminal from burgling your home. The burglar often decides to target a property from looking at it from across the road, so if your property is lit up then they will generally look for another option.

Combined Security LED Floodlight

The ESP GUARDCAMLLED is a Combined Security LED Floodlight. In short, it is a complete all-in-one PIR floodlight, camera, speaker and DVR system. It will detect an intruder with its motion sensor, floodlight the area, initiate a high-resolution video recording and deliver an audible warning.



Dusk 'Til Dawn Lighting

This is the preferred method of externally lighting up your home. The lamp stays on during the hours of darkness and goes off as it starts to get light.

Modern units are very energy efficient. Lamp life is 8 to 10 times more than a typical household light bulb. Makes the property look more attractive at night and makes the occupier appear security savvy.

Useful Contacts

Durham Constabulary
www.durham.polce.uk



Durham County Council
www.durham.gov.uk/asb

Concerns regarding Litter, Noise, Dog Fouling, Anti-Social Behaviour 03000 261 000

Karbon Homes
www.karbonhomes.co.uk
0800 587 0001



Victim Care and Advice Service

Whether or not there has been police involvement in a crime, the Victim Care and Advice Service is there to support a victim, their family or a witness affected by a crime. This support is available to anyone in County Durham, Darlington or Cleveland



www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/Home.aspx

0303 0401 0999



A guide to protect your home.

If it's out of sight...it's out of mind.

Don't make your home an easy target for burglars, many burglaries are crimes of opportunity. A burglar only needs to spot an open window, unlocked side gate or dodgy security alarm to make their move.

Think about it – if you know your home security looks poor, so will a thief. Statistics show that properties with little security are over 5 times more likely to be burgled than those with good security. The good news is that it doesn't take much to secure your house – and put off thieves.



 A lot of insurance companies will offer discounts on crime prevention initiatives 

A secure door can protect the rest of your home and property.

Consider changing Euro locks that are Anti-snap and anti-bump with anti-pick, anti-extraction and anti-drill resistance built in as standard.

Look for British Standard Kitemark logo stamped Police preferred Secured by Design accreditation. Cost from £35



Enhance security of doors and windows with "Sash Jammers"

If you believe you have particularly vulnerable doors or windows, or perhaps are going away from the house for a time then the Sash Jammers are ideal for providing extra security. These locks are visible and act as a deterrent to

any attack. These locks are easily fitted by two screws. With the door or window in use the arm of the lock is moved out of the way and isolated until required. Cost from £2 -£3 each.



Defensive Planting: - Thorny, Spikey and Intruder Proof.

One of the main benefits of planting shrubs with thorns is that they can act as impenetrable barriers, ideal for security purposes when planted along a property boundary.

A couple of examples listed below, speak to your local garden center for more advice.

Berberis

Berberis are spiny and make excellent barrier hedges. Many of the deciduous varieties have good autumn colour, flowers and berries



Pyracantha Firethorn



Firethorn is a tough no fuss shrub. It flourishes in most soils. Pyracantha is a dense, spiny evergreen shrub so ideal as an intruder deterrent.

Strengths of Defensive Planting: -

Attracts wildlife to feed or nest
Architectural plant – ideal as a 'stand out' plant
Spiny growth can deter unwanted visitors
Attractive autumn colour

**CCTV - 24 hours a day
7 days a week, 52 weeks a year**

Everyone likes to know that their home is secure and that everything and everyone inside is safe. In years past, that meant using a CCTV system to record, but few had remote access or alerts. Now you can buy a Wi-Fi-connected camera you can view from your phone.

Modern home security cameras are very easy to set up. Some use cloud storage, so any evidence is saved online and safe from thieves who might steal your camera. Costs from £300 upwards.



Wildlife Cameras

If you are on a budget consider purchasing a "Wildlife Camera" This device will trigger with movement and take photos & videos automatically depending on how it is set via the menu. The camera can operate in complete darkness using infrared night vision which will

provide videos & photos in black & white and can last for up to 4 months without changing the batteries. Cost around £100

