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INFORMATION FROM THE **ACPO** CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES TEAM

Pre-build agreement advances SBD

Secured by Design's new Pre-build Agreement means builders no longer have to wait until construction is complete before applying for SBD accreditation.

By signing the Pre-build Agreement, homebuilders agree to use a designated Architectural Liaison Officer (ALO) throughout the construction process and only use SBD accredited suppliers for the doors and windows.

SBD General Manager, Mr Alan McInnes said this agreement represents a big step forward for Secured by Design.

"Getting builders on board before the construction process begins ensures security and criminal resistance is a key priority from the outset. For the builder it means their marketing can benefit from the positive selling points of safety and security from the start of the development."



Two homebuilders have already signed the new Agreement, **Story Homes** in Carlisle and **Persimmon Partnerships** in Scotland.

"We're very pleased to have Story Homes and Persimmon Partnerships on board," said Mr McInnes. "It's encouraging to see builders taking advantage of this new opportunity so early on. We hope the rest of the industry follows their lead in 2007."

Steeling Success



SWA President John Chamberlain (right) receives Secured by Design accreditation certificate from Calvin Beckford

Secured by Design is thrilled to announce the Steel Window Association is now onboard as an SBD approved organisation.

With six steel window manufacturers sitting beneath the Association, this new contract represents a fantastic opportunity for all parties concerned.

Be sure to check out the next edition of SBD Focus for more details.



Steel Window Association

GLASSEX '07



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GLASSEX '07

Delivering Fenestration Solutions

The specification of window and door products for public sector refurbishment and new build is growing ever more stringent, with an increasing emphasis on accreditation, compliance with building regulations, lifetime performance, energy efficiency, sustainability and security.

Glassex 2007 provides the opportunity to see manufacturers and suppliers of door and window products and services in one location through exhibitors, product demonstrations, seminars, discussion forums and features.

Glassex is more than just a plastic windows show and is delighted to be working with Secured by Design at the 2007 event.

There is also a one-day conference, Glazing in the Public Sector, specifically aimed at public sector professionals. This includes a session from Secured by Design, who you can also see on Stand D007. All the sessions are free to attend and the day covers topics such as safety glazing, sustainability, window energy ratings, adding value to property stock and PAS 24 security solutions.

In addition, there are a number of features to ensure your visit is as educational and enjoyable as possible including an Energy Efficiency Zone, featuring exhibitors such as Bystronic Glass, Promac and Hegla; The Conservatory Design Competition sponsored by Pilkington Activ™ which rewards and recognises the best designs in the industry, and the Exhibitor Forum, a discussion area where exhibitors will be talking about pertinent issues.

Glassex takes place from 4-7 March 2007, in Halls 17 & 18 at the NEC Birmingham. Entry is free, to pre-register, and for the full seminar and show information visit www.glassex.com.



Mr Evernden presents SBD award to Mr Pamplin and Mr Woodel

New design for Oxfordshire shop

Long Hanborough Co-op has become the first retail store in Oxfordshire to win a Secured by Design (SBD) award for reducing its chances of being raided by criminals.

The store re-opened mid last year after being completely re-built to include extra lighting, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and windows to give staff clear views of everyone approaching the building.

The architects responsible for the re-design worked closely with Thames Valley Police Crime Prevention Design Advisers (CPDAs) to maximise the store's level of security.

CPDA, Roger Hampshire said, "We have used simple measures to deter criminals and reduce the potential for groups to congregate by the shop."

West Oxfordshire Police Area Commander, Chief Inspector Dennis Evernden said the Co-op recognised the need to incorporate security into the store's design to make it a safer location for the community to do their shopping.

Mr Evernden presented the SBD award to President of the Midlands Co-ops Board, Mr Vivian Woodel and Kidlington-based Coleman Hicks Partnership architect, Mr Roger Tamplin.

Death of a salesman

Pushy salesmen are a thing of the past for customers shopping with SBD approved online window retailer, WebWindows who offer a contact-free sales service.

Customers measure their windows and enter the dimensions into the WebWindows site which calculates a quote. Unlike many of its competitors, WebWindows will not ask for a name, address, phone number or other contact details until the customer has decided to proceed with the sale and place an order.

Once the customer has given their approval, WebWindows visits the customer's home to measure their windows properly, assuring a professionally fitted, high quality product without unnecessary stress or annoying promotional and follow-up phone calls.

For more details visit:

www.webwindowsscotland.com

EJ Group Limited joins the SBD family

EJ Group Limited manufactures a comprehensive range of Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) doors for the social housing sector and has recently been awarded a coveted Secured by Design licence.

Having met the full conditions of PAS 23-1 and PAS 24-1, EJ Group has received a QMark Certificate for approved enhanced security doors by BM TRADA.

Established for more than 30 years and supplying doorsets to local authorities and housing associations for over 15 years, the company has developed a reputation for providing top quality products and exemplary service.

EJ Group has responded to homeowners' increasing security concerns by developing a range of extremely durable, high security doorsets in a range of classic patterns and colours to suit all styles of property.

Standard doors are supplied with conventional nightlatches and deadlocks which is recognised as the best combination for front doors.

Their uncomplicated operation suits all residents in social and domestic housing while conforming to the enhanced security requirements of codes PAS 23 and PAS 24.

The design of the doors is based on quality and is particularly focused on reducing the need for maintenance, providing long term savings to both the resident and the landlord.

EJ Group is currently involved in the Decent Homes programme managed by Hillingdon Homes, an arms length Management organisation in West London that was formed to ensure Hillingdon Council's 11,000 tenanted properties are brought up to the government's Decent Homes Standard by 2010 (though the programme is currently expected to reach completion by 2008).

Community safety is a key priority of Hillingdon tenants and fitting doors that meet Secured by Design standards will assist in reducing the fear of crime.

EJ Group is proud to be associated with this programme which illustrates the company's dedication to community safety.

SWS security products foil attempted break-ins

SWS security products successfully foiled two attempted burglaries on properties in Essex recently.

Following previous break-ins, the owner of a Tilbury cottage followed Wellington Security Products' advice and had the SecuroGuard 1001 Security Gate manufactured by SWS fitted.

Shortly after the gate was installed another break-in attempt was made. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) recorded the would-be intruders attacking the gate with a scaffold pole for 10-15 minutes before eventually giving up and leaving the grounds.

An Essex computer company has lodged a similar report. They installed SWS UK SecuroShield 3800 security shutters internally, hoping they would prevent intruders from accessing their offices.

Again, it wasn't long after the shutters were installed that another attempted break-in occurred. On this occasion thieves ripped off the building's front door which immediately triggered the alarm, however they were unable to get past the internal security shutters.

A senior manager for the company said, "The shutters appeared to have taken a beating but they held firm and the thieves eventually fled empty handed. Without a doubt, those shutters prevented our building being ransacked; their effectiveness has surpassed our expectations."

SWS UK Marketing Manager, Mr Philip Cooper commented, "We are extremely pleased by these latest examples where the burglar-resistance of our products has been put to the test by would-be thieves and passed with flying colours."

"SWS advocates the 'layered' security approach when it comes to protecting property and both of these cases are fantastic examples of a combination of physical and electrical security being used to maximum effect."



Calvin Beckford presents SBD award to EJ Group Manager, David Myers.



Guy Fawkes documents kept safe

The court records and other original documents relating to Guy Fawkes Day and the Gunpowder Plot were kept safe while on exhibit at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London recently, thanks to Trellidor Ltd and London Security Shutters.

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Facilities Manager, Mr Mark Barker employed London Security Shutters to install Trellidor Ltd products after National Archive security consultants recommended extra measures be put in place to protect the valuable documents which were displayed as part of the Gunpowder Plot exhibition.

Three Trellidor Plus grilles were fitted over fire exits, each featuring a lift-up track so that in the event of a fire there would be no risk of the public tripping and injuring themselves on the way out of the theatre.

To maximise cost effectiveness, a fixed Valubar grille was fitted into the space above one of the security grilles where access was not required.

Mr Barker was thrilled with the prompt service and outstanding products he received. The National Archive security advisers were also extremely happy with the results and approved the opening of the exhibition.

Timbercraft produces its first SBD approved door...

Timbercraft Windows and Doors is one of the most recent companies to achieve Secured by Design accreditation for a door product.

late last year, Chief Inspector Paul Davies of the Safer Neath Port Talbot Community Safety Partnership, presented the SBD license to Mr George Griffiths and his son Mr Jonathon Griffiths.

Located at Llandarcy Business Park in Skewen, South Wales, Timbercraft Windows and Doors has been operating for more than 30 years and has recently

recognised its role in reducing crime and the fear of crime within the community.

At the presentation, Mr Davies said he was delighted to present the SBD accreditation certificate to Timbercraft Windows and Doors, citing the relationship between the company and the Safer Neath Port Talbot Community Safety Partnership as an excellent example of the strong working relationships that the Partnership is forming with the local business community.

"I understand the importance our products can have in designing out crime," said Mr George Griffiths.

"Secured by Design is increasingly becoming regarded as 'the' security standard to achieve and I am very pleased and proud to have produced a door product that boasts SBD accreditation."

Uttlesford Council takes partnership pledge

Uttlesford District Council in Essex will benefit from Securistyle's new Partnerships Pledge Scheme (PPS) following its specification of the company's complete suite of austenitic stainless steel window hardware for a local refurbishment project.

The PPS offers advice and support to local housing advisers to help ensure their specification meets all legislative and Secured by Design requirements and is backed by a 10 year, audited warranty. The Scheme also provides support to fabricators, ensuring the process of installing the window hardware is problem free.

Uttlesford District Council's refurbishment project involves the replacement of old aluminium windows with UPVC on a mixture of properties, including housing for elderly residents.

To ensure maximum lifespan of the windows the complete Securistyle hardware suite which comprises the Defender friction hinge, the Vector Excluder locking mechanism and Vision handle have also been specified.

In line with BS 8213, Securistyle Defender Restrictor hinges have been made mandatory to enhance tenant safety. The windows have been built and installed by 1st Saxon Property Services Ltd of Fareham.

Uttlesford District Council Senior Surveyor, Mr Brian Thain said, "Our main concern is to provide our tenants with safe and secure properties. We have an excellent working relationship with Securistyle and they provided us with some very good advice about how we could address our security issues and upgrade our specifications to meet Secured by Design requirements. They had a professional approach and supported us throughout the project."

For further information on Securistyle hardware contact Maria Fatica in the Specifications Sales Team on:

0124 222 1200 or
www.securistyle.co.uk

Another snappy solution from ERA

ERA, the Door Lock People have launched the PVCu Snaplock to increase the security on PVCu windows.

Aptly named, the product uses a simple operation that allows it to 'snap' into place and 'lock' quickly and easily.

The new PVCu Snaplock does not require specialist fitting, it simply screws into installations and supplements within existing locking devices.

Highly versatile, the product can be fitted to inward and outward opening windows

and can be securely fixed to both reinforced and non-reinforced surfaces and is also suitable for upgrading security on PVCu doors.

The PVCu Snaplock combines the lock and handle into one unit and with both keyed and keyless versions available, it's extremely simple to use. Screws and comprehensive fitting instructions are supplied, making do-it-yourself installation straightforward. The locks are available in either a white or brown finish to match any décor.

For more information please contact ERA on:

**0192 249 0000,
email info@era-security.com or
www.era-security.com**

Advancing locking technology

Winkhaus is proud to announce it has achieved SBD approval for its new Blue Chip cylinders.

This evolutionary product advances locking technology into the next phase and offers a new generation of master key functionality.

With no hard wiring required, Blue Chip is as quick to fit as a conventional cylinder and operates using a battery tested to last to the equivalent of three to five years.

Changes to the system design can be implemented without costly cylinder or lock replacement and the simple round key profile makes the cylinder easier to operate, especially in situations where vision is impaired.

Each key used within the system contains a microchip which makes it totally unique reducing the risk of criminals obtaining illegal duplicates. Any system design is possible and changeable in the future.

Blue Chip operates using simple and easy to use software and with all common types of cylinder available, it's easy to retrofit.

Blue Chip cylinders can also be fully integrated with Blue Chip Access Control readers.



Auto-txt now features in all Aston Martin DB9 and V8 Vantage vehicles.

Auto-txt celebrates Aston-ishing success

RDM Group Limited is celebrating the success of its new vehicle tracking system, Auto-txt following exclusive car manufacturer, Aston Martin's decision to install the system as a standard feature in all DB9 and V8 Vantage vehicles.

Boasting Secured by Design certification, Auto-txt is one of the first vehicle tracking systems to be awarded Category 5 accreditation by motor industry research centre, Thatcham.

The company's Aston Martin coup follows a deal with Jaguar Cars and Land Rover

who are now using Auto-txt to supply tracking and security systems for all their vehicles. The systems, aptly named Jaguar Watch and Land Rover Watch are available in the United Kingdom and throughout Europe.

This is the first time prestige car manufacturers have offered a stolen vehicle tracking system in their own name and is a significant achievement for RDM Group Ltd.

Engineering Director, **Mr Chris Cole** said, "Achieving Secured by Design accreditation demonstrates how fundamental Auto-txt is in the fight against

car crime. It is important car owners are aware that not all stolen vehicle tracking systems are the same and not all are guaranteed a proactive police response."

Auto-txt immediately identifies a car as stolen if keys are placed in the ignition but the registered driver's mobile phone is not present.

After following agreed protocols to confirm the theft, Auto-txt allows police to track the vehicle from another location and prevent it from restarting (once it has been turned off) through the use of remote wireless technology.

Priced from £499.99 for the standard tracking system, Auto-txt is also available for public purchase.

Visit www.auto-txt.com for more details.



SBD Award is presented to Whitecross High School

Safer Schooling

Whitecross High School in Hereford is celebrating its relocation to a new site on Elms Road and its subsequent status as a Secured by Design approved campus.

The school was built on its original site in 1955 and suffered ongoing problems with crime including nuisance and anti-social behaviour and burglaries due to its poor location, layout and subsequent additional build.

In June 2003 a proposal was put forward to relocate the school under a PFI scheme. It was approved by the LEA and Planning authority with work on the new site commencing in 2004.

During the re-build the developer, Stepnell Ltd and Hereford's divisional ALO, liaised closely to ensure the new Whitecross High School achieved Secured by Design status.

Chief Constable of West Mercia, **Mr Paul West** presented representatives of the school and Stepnell Ltd with a Secured by Design Award in a special ceremony held at Whitecross High late in July last year.

MP pushes for SBD introduction in Wales

Conwy's Member of Parliament, the Hon. Mr David Jones MP, is concerned that Wales is lagging behind England in implementing the Secured by Design initiative.

Mr Jones has called upon the Welsh Assembly Government to increase the promotion of crime reduction through the Town and Country Planning System.

"In England, Local Planning Authorities are explicitly required to incorporate 'designing out crime' measures as a condition of the grant of planning permission but this does not apply in Wales," said Mr Jones. "Furthermore, it appears that the Assembly Government will not view this as a priority for a number of years."

"There is no good reason why Wales should not benefit from crime reduction measures to the same extent as the rest of the country. I have therefore written to the Assembly Minister of Environment, Planning and Countryside, Mr Carwyn Jones, asking him to give urgent attention to this problem and to let me know when the Assembly will be bringing forward 'designing out crime' measures."

Intruders see Red

Redweb Security has developed an exciting new product with the potential to provide critical evidence in the prosecution of burglars.

The product is designed to spray intruders with a highly visible, bright red forensic dye that contains a unique biosynthetic DNA fingerprint.

The pigment attaches itself primarily to organic materials such as skin and hair, making the perpetrator instantly recognisable to both police and civilians.



Catching thieves red-handed

The otherwise harmless dye can remain visible around sensitive areas such as the eyes, nose, mouth and ears for several days. Most importantly, there is an Ultra Violent (UV) marker in the stain that can be easily spotted under UV lights, even when the stain appears to have faded from sight.

Secured by Design General Manager, **Mr Alan McInnes** described RedWeb Security's products as highly practical.

"We are delighted to have supplied SBD accreditation to these products," said Mr McInnes. "They represent a significant step forward in the fight to deter and prosecute intruders."



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