

## Crime Prevention Training

(Home Office Safer Streets initiative)

Delivered by the Police Crime Prevention Academy

Through four two hour remote meetings

Held from 29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Chairman            Bob Bunney   Crime Reduction and Business Crime

Course Presenter   Mark O'Callaghan   Police Crime Prevention Initiative

In addition to the accompanying slides, attendees were issued with workbooks allowing some preparation before the lectures. A good point with the workbooks was that there was a section to be filled in about the security of one's own property working in a logical sequence from the environment, boundary protection, outbuildings, shell of the house and the interior including marking removable assets. Unfortunately it was mentioned that would-be burglars look for dwellings clearly occupied by older people – hand rails and unweeded front gardens, and these criteria fitted my property to a T.

One point that I particularly noted was the duty of care the householder owes to visitors whether they have been invited or not. In effect this means a duty of care towards burglars, would-be burglars, arsonists etc. No harmful booby traps or broken glass on the tops of walls are allowed!

The final lecture which concentrated on what had become a sink estate in Bradford even though it only consisted of some 30 odd flats was turned round and a community spirit re-engendered. It is now regarded as a very desirable place to live.

Overall it was a most interesting if intensive course.

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