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Amongst other things since our last meeting HBAC has; moved offices, fully launched the pilot of NightWatch in St Ives to address crime in the night time economy. Been in discussions with SIRC's regarding a new database for all members and has attended the BRC annual conference for Business Against Crime partnerships, more details to follow.

SIRCS data sharing

SIRCS is a database created and configured by Empowering Communities. The idea behind the database is that different partners and organisations dedicated to reducing crime have access to a central pool of information within a specific geographical location. Information can then easily be disseminated and shared to the benefit of all. For example if a HBAC member reported details of a graffiti artist, the Community Safety partnership could view the details and possibly identify the individual as someone they have been working with and therefore get the whole picture and take relevant action. In essence the database provides one portal across partners including HBAC members to allow everyone to see the whole picture. Cambridgeshire Constabulary have invested in the initial investment on behalf of HBAC, we look forward to updating you as this progresses.

AABC/British Retail Consortium Conference

The Business Crime Partnership Annual Conference was held on Thursday the 12th of March. Speakers at the event included the Lord Dear and Jane Milne of the BRC. Philip Dunne MP highlighted that two thirds of Businesses were a victim of crime in 2008 with an average of 3 billion lost. While the Home Office is encouraging Businesses to report Crime, a new Policing target to increase public confidence by 15% has been set. Other Speakers such as Allyn Thomas of (ACPO) The Association of Chief Police Officers was keen to see additions to reporting practise in relation to Business Crime. Stephen Robertson, Director General of the BRC stated that the challenge is to ensure businesses are seen as significant partners in the local community and involved in setting local crime priorities.

MI5 Guidance

If you are looking for Guidance on risk assessment and security the mi5 website and the centre for the protection of National infrastructure offers a wealth of information and advice. The websites are: www.mi5.gov.uk and www.cpni.gov.uk.

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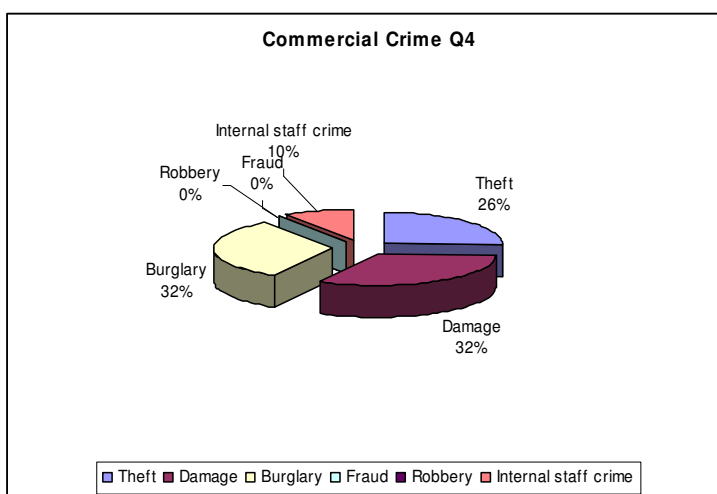
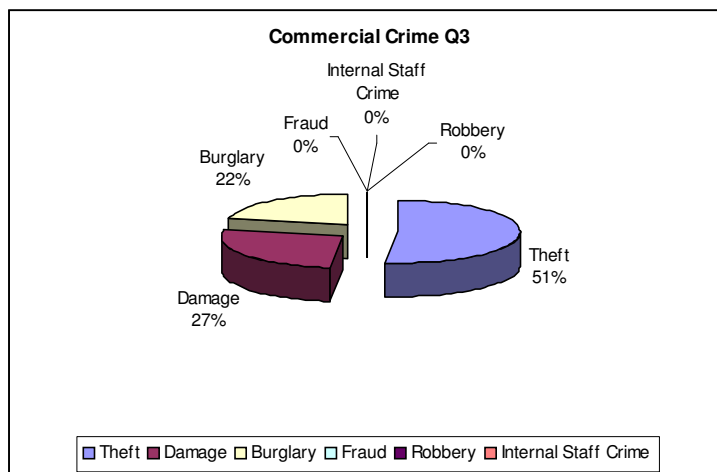
HBAC have now moved offices. Thanks go to Clegg for their kind support, allowing us to rent their for the last nineteen months, at a much reduced rate. The building will now be refurbished and will then be sold.

Thanks also go to Huntingdon Town Partnership Manager Katy Sismore negotiated premises with Church Manor on behalf of both organisations. Church Manor have very generously allowed us to move into their premises rent free, where we hope to be able to stay for the next two years.

Policing Update

Congratulations to PCSO Hayley Smith of Huntingdon who begins her new post as a Police Officer in June. Thanks go to Hayley for her help and support to HBAC. Details of Hayley's replacement will follow.

Crime Statistics HBAC began recording Commercial crime for the Huntingdonshire area for the first time this year. Overall crime in Q2 dropped to 35 compared to 52 reported crimes in Q1. The third quarter saw a rise to 60 reported crimes and Q4 a drop to 31 reported crimes.



Home Office Advice - Protect Your Premises

- Put yourself in the shoes of a criminal and think how they would break into your premises. What are the weak spots in your security?
- Securely lock all entrances and exits when nobody is on the premises. Do not leave keys lying around.
- Lock valuables in a secure safe.
- Think about strengthening doors and windows. The more barriers you create, the more you can delay and put off burglars.
- Install a burglar alarm and learn how to use it properly.
- Consider having CCTV (Closed-Circuit Television) installed to prevent or spot crime.
- Think about having grilles or shutters on doors and windows, but talk to your local authority's planning department and your landlord.
- Keep windows free from displays and posters so staff can see anyone hanging about and who's entering the premises.
- Protect your business by installing and using good lighting and locking gates. Also consider places around your business where someone might hide, such as in trees, shrubbery, stairwells and alleyways.
- Quickly repair any damage to your premises – replace signs, repair equipment, paint over graffiti. Consider using landscaping designs (such as prickly shrubs or closely planted hedges, lighting or fences) to put off criminals.