

‘Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime reduces criminal activity and theft from businesses, protects staff and makes Huntingdonshire a safer place in which to live, work and shop. I have no hesitation in supporting Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime.’

Chief Superintendent  
David Hankins  
Divisional Commander  
Cambridgeshire Constabulary

## Start defeating crime

It's simple and effective! Join Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime, your local business network.

It costs as little as £60\* a year. Membership fees are calculated on the size and type of your business.

HBAC is a member of Action Against Business Crime, the national organisation for business communities, which is backed by the Home Office.

\* Radios provided by ShopSafe are optional at extra cost



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# Retail BUSINESS CRIME

## Bad news for criminals in Huntingdonshire



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# Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime

We are an independent, non-profit making organisation set up in 2004 as a direct response to requests from members of the Huntingdon Town Centre Partnership. 2005 saw the initiative expand to incorporate St Ives and St Neots under the umbrella of Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime.

The sole aim of HBAC is to help businesses reduce the cost of crime, fraud and anti-social behaviour and to make it difficult for thieves to carry on offending.

## Shop theft down by 27 per cent in one year\*

\*Huntingdon Police April 04-March 05  
(Maintained in 2005-6)

## What we have achieved

- ◆ The nationally recognised 'Safer Business Award'
- ◆ Provided a pressure group for businesses
- ◆ Monitored crime and anti-social behaviour incidents
- ◆ Reduced the incidence and fear of crime
- ◆ Created a safer environment in which to live, work and shop

### AABC\* Safer Business Award



Huntingdonshire Business Against Crime received this award in 2004. It is a nationally recognised standard and demonstrates that partnerships operate legally to the highest standards, incorporating best practise and enhancing close working relationships with other agencies.

\*AABC is the national organisation, which works in partnership with the Home Office to support and develop Business Crime Partnerships. It ensures that the problems of businesses are better understood through campaigning, publicity and education and by sharing best practice in reducing crime. [www.businesscrime.org.uk](http://www.businesscrime.org.uk)

## The real benefits to your business as a member

**'Crime and stock losses have both reduced whilst staff morale has increased. Businesses now work more closely together.'**

*Alison Taylor,  
Group Store Manager,  
Boots*

Working in partnership with



### Radio links

- ◆ Real-time two-way radio communications
- ◆ Links to CCTV, police and HBAC members
- ◆ Relaying information about the presence of offenders
- ◆ Summon rapid response for acts of violence and anti-social behaviour
- ◆ Small light weight radios, with user display screen, panic button and accessories

### HBAC's powers to address crime

- ◆ Circulating photographs of persistent offenders to all members
- ◆ Issuing HBAC Exclusion Notices banning persistent offenders from entering ALL HBAC members' premises
- ◆ A dedicated HBAC team focusing on business crime
- ◆ Working partnerships with Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership, Town Centre Management, CCTV and Huntingdonshire District Council
- ◆ Sharing HBAC intelligence and database information with HBAC members and partners

### Membership networking benefits

- ◆ Regular newsletters, meetings and training opportunities
- ◆ Dedicated HBAC website
- ◆ Press and PR addressing local business crime issues
- ◆ HBAC window stickers for members' premises

### Results from HBAC members

Store A: **stock losses down from 3.7% to 0.7%** Mar 05 to Sept 05

Store B: **stock losses down from 3.6% to 1.1%** Nov 04 to Apr 05

Store C: **stock losses down from 2.9% to 1.36%** 2 years to Feb 06