**WASTE THAT CAN BE TRACED**

SmartWater’s high level of resistance to direct sunlight is being put to good use by Local Authorities nationwide as they roll-out an innovative scheme to tackle fly-tipping.

According to figures gathered by The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the number of fly-tipping incidents reported by Local Authorities in 2007-08 exceeded 1.2 million. The clearance costs for removing this volume of waste has been estimated at more than £72 million, underlining the scale of the problem.

SmartWater’s highly robust solution is the only forensic marking system capable of withstanding exposure to a wide range of temperatures, UV rays, and chemicals, which makes it the perfect tool to combat this nationwide problem that is blighting the countryside. This initiative has already produced its first conviction after SmartWater teamed up with Kent County Council’s Clean Kent Campaign and BBC One’s Rogue Traders on a sting operation which led to the conviction of serial fly-tipper Samuel Henry Dighton.

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**ON TRACK TO STOP CABLE THEFTS**

Newcastle’s Tyne and Wear Metro system has issued a stark warning to thieves who target sensitive trackside equipment – Metro property is now forensically coded with SmartWater.

SmartWater is being used on the Metro network to crackdown on cable theft, which causes delays for passengers and substantial repair costs. In the last three years Metro has been hit by 17 separate incidents of cable theft with a repair bill totalling £56,000.

SmartWater is now protecting 58 kilometres of Metro track, which is owned and managed by Nexus. Northumbria Police officers have also equipped themselves with UV scanning devices which they will use to search for traces of SmartWater.

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**70% METAL THEFT REDUCTION IN STOCKTON**

An operation to clamp down on thieves stealing metal then trading it in at local scrap yards has been hailed a success by Cleveland Police.

Thefts of metal in the Stockton district have dropped by 70 percent since Operation Graphite was rolled out force-wide last year following a successful pilot scheme. SmartWater is continuing to work closely with Cleveland Police on this initiative with Crime Support staff members attending Police-led stop and searches that are taking place at roadsides and at scrap yards.

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**STOP PRESS**

Police in Northamptonshire have announced a 54 percent drop in domestic burglary. Turn to page 6 for more details.

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Since the launch of Operation Graphite, SmartWater has played a pivotal role. Using its forensic property coding technology, SmartWater is protecting high-risk targets including drain covers, gates, and lead used on church and school roofs.

Prior to Operation Graphite, Cleveland Police were recording an average of 100 metal thefts every month. By the end of 2008 only 8 metal thefts a month were being reported, highlighting the success of the initiative.

Inspector Steve Young of Stockton’s Neighbourhood Policing Team said: “While we still have some way to go, it is evident that Operation Graphite has been instrumental in cutting the number of thefts in the district. However, we are not complacent, and we continue to be tough in our efforts to clamp down on metal thefts. We continue to work closely with the local council, scrap metal merchants, SmartWater’s Crime Support teams, and VOSA in order to stop thieves trading stolen metals for cash.”

HIGH-TECH PROTECTION FOR STATUE

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SmartWater’s forensic solution is being used to mark domestic and commercial waste which Local Authorities believe is at risk of being dumped illegally. Any SmartWatered waste can then be traced back to its owner and to the person charged with its proper disposal.

Serial fly-tipper Samuel Henry Dighton was convicted thanks to evidence provided by SmartWater following an investigation by BBC One’s Rogue Traders and Kent County Council’s Clean Kent Campaign. Dighton was paid £180 to properly dispose of an assortment of household items and rubbish, which had been tagged with SmartWater. The waste was subsequently found dumped at New Ash Green in Kent, an area of outstanding natural beauty which had been blighted by problems of dumping.

Kent County Council in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council used footage provided by Rogue Traders and forensic evidence from SmartWater to help secure the conviction. Samuel Dighton pleaded guilty to fly-tipping, receiving a £750 fine, plus £230 clean-up costs, a £500 prosecution bill and a £15 victim surcharge. An illuminated handprint now lights up Kent Police HQ as a reminder to all criminals that SmartWater is being used in the area, and anything could be marked.

Mike Austerberry, Executive Director of Environment, Highways & Waste commenting on behalf of Kent County Council said: “Fly-tipping is a damaging and illegal activity which is often linked to other serious crimes. Through the Clean Kent Campaign, Local Authorities will not hesitate to bring offenders to justice, seeking criminal convictions and financial redress.”

Councillor Avril Hunter, Sevenoaks District Council’s Cabinet member with responsibility for the environment said: “The message is clear, fly-tippers should be aware that we have the ways and the means to catch you, and we will.”

Phil Cleary, Chief Executive of SmartWater Technology Ltd said: “By marking the waste with SmartWater we were able to prove that they were the same items collected by Samuel Dighton. SmartWater will continue working with Local Authorities and the Police to tackle fly-tipping.”

DETERRENT WORKING IN SCUNTHORPE

Humberside Police have reported a huge reduction in burglary in an area of Scunthorpe where homes were issued with SmartWater forensic property coding.

According to Police statistics, of the 8,000 homes that received SmartWater back in August 2007, only one has been targeted by burglars. This success has been achieved despite seeing a rise in burglaries in residential areas without SmartWater.

PC Jamie Allen, Scunthorpe Police’s Crime Prevention Officer, said: “SmartWater has worked very well as a deterrent. We have been targeting hot spot areas where there have been a number of burglaries. Of those 8,000 homes, we’ve only had one break-in so it’s very positive news.”

RECOVERED SCHOOL PROPERTY LEADS TO ARRESTS

Arrests have been made after computer equipment stolen from a North Somerset school was recovered and traced by Avon and Somerset Police.

Police issued SmartWater to Backwell School in January 2009 to mark laptops, projectors, interactive whiteboards, musical instruments and other valuables after a string of burglaries. Following a tip off, Police carried out a warrant at a Bristol address and recovered five computers and a laptop belonging to the school. As all had been SmartWatered, the Police were able to prove the items were stolen and link the offenders to the crime scene.

Three men, all from Bristol and aged 19, 22 and 25, are currently on Police bail pending further enquiries. Police hope that these arrests will act as a severe warning to any other would-be thieves.

Sergeant Dave Hayward from Avon and Somerset Police said: “We have been working closely with Backwell School to keep its property safe from thieves. This result is a great success and shows that we will be relentless in pursuing criminals in North Somerset.”

21 CONVICTIONS IN BRADFORD

West Yorkshire Police in Bradford have praised the introduction of SmartWater capture cars after two youths became the latest offenders to be convicted.

These convictions mark the twentieth time the bait cars have been broken into since they were rolled out across Bradford City. A total of 21 people have so far been charged with breaking into the vehicles and all have been convicted, with punishments ranging from imprisonment to community service. The most recent offenders – two boys aged 14 and 17 – pleaded guilty after being sprayed with SmartWater as they attempted to remove a sat-nav from the capture car’s dashboard.

Sergeant Mark Case from West Yorkshire Police said: “Thefts from motor vehicles have dropped by ten percent in the last year - and this is a year on year drop. We have a near perfect record for conviction in relation to the capture car. It is clearly deterring criminals from breaking into vehicles in the first place and places the fear back with them - they don’t know whether the next vehicle they break into is going to be a West Yorkshire Police capture car.”

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**SMARTWATER BUS**

Nottinghamshire Police have unveiled their new SmartWater bus to further promote a campaign which has seen over 30,000 Nottingham homes receive SmartWater.

The bus will be used on Nottingham City transport routes across the city for the next 12 months. The launch follows the release of Nottingham’s latest burglary figures, which reported a reduction of 7.65 percent. Since 2003/04 burglaries in Nottingham have fallen by 47 percent.

Chief Superintendent Shaun Beebe from Nottinghamshire Police said “SmartWater is one of a range of initiatives that have been successfully deployed across the city. The Police along with the Crime and Drugs Partnership have worked extensively to ensure local people are better protected against burglary. I hope this bus will encourage even greater numbers of city residents to have their property protected with SmartWater and remind those who may be thinking of committing crime to think again.”

**FIRE SERVICE OUT TO EXTINGUISH THEFTS**

Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service (BLFRS) has become the first in the country to protect all fire equipment, appliances, and stations with SmartWater.

Despite not suffering any thefts themselves, BLFRS were all too aware that the loss of any equipment used on a daily basis to save lives could be catastrophic. The decision was therefore taken to use SmartWater on all equipment as a means of deterring thieves and thus benefiting the whole community.

BLFRS Chief Fire Officer, Paul Fuller said: “Valuable fire equipment has been stolen from fire appliances and stations in other parts of the country, and attempts have been made to steal some of ours. Such equipment is not only worth considerable sums of money, but more importantly is needed in life saving situations. We must protect it at all costs.”

Bedfordshire Police, who routinely scan suspects and stolen goods for SmartWater, are in full support of the scheme. Speaking at the BLFRS launch, Bedfordshire Police’s Assistant Chief Constable Katherine Govier said: “SmartWater makes life too difficult for thieves. They cannot sell on stolen goods to a fence because the items will be too easily identified.”

**BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS**

Three Blackpool men have become the latest thieves to be caught out by Lancashire Constabulary’s new bait car. The car, which is fitted with CCTV and a SmartWater Index Spray System, is being used in hot spot areas across Blackpool leaving thieves glowing under UV light.

Lancashire Police have released mug shots of the three offenders with looks of shock on their faces as they are hit by the SmartWater spray, which linked them with the crime scene. Two of the three men received custodial sentences, whilst the third was ordered to do community service. To date there have been 10 convictions using the trap car, including people charged with handling stolen goods.

PC Julian Knights from Lancashire Constabulary said: “The use of bait vehicles in the Wyre areas has been a great success. Their use has directly contributed to the arrest and conviction of several prolific and persistent offenders. It’s good because the criminals know they have been caught as the SmartWater absolutely soaks them. They don’t attempt to deny it.”

**LET US KNOW**

If you have a story that you would like to feature in the next issue of SmartWater Searchlight, please contact Dave Reynolds on 0870 242 8899 or email: davereynolds@smartwater.com

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**BANK TRIAL**

10 of most frequently targeted branches of high street bank Lloyds TSB are trialling SmartWater’s Index Spray System in an attempt to curb robberies. The SmartWater deterrent is so far working well, as none of the branches have suffered any further incidents since the installations. The trial continues.

**MOSQUES MARKED**

14 Mosques in Blackburn have each received SmartWater following a spate of break-ins. Over an 8 week period, 4 Mosques were repeatedly targeted as thieves made off with cash and charity collection tins. Community leaders are calling for residents living near the premises to report any suspicious behaviour. PC Ayub Malik, from Blackburn North East Neighbourhood Police Team, said: “We have spoken to representatives from each Mosque. The SmartWater is being put on office equipment and high value property and is a very effective tool in deterring criminals.”

**NORWICH CITY METALS**

SmartWater is being used to mark metals on sites across Norwich to combat a metal theft epidemic which cost Norwich City Council over £70,000 during the last financial year. Norwich Police are carrying out regular checks on scrap metal dealers with UV equipment to search for traces of SmartWater. Norwich City Council spokesperson Amy Lyall said: “Last year was an exceptionally bad year for metal thefts. Thieves can cause thousands of pounds worth of repairs by stealing metal that is really not worth much.”

**SOMERFIELD CONVICTIONS**

Three men sprayed by SmartWater as they broke into a Shropshire supermarket have been convicted of burglary. The men were arrested following a Police pursuit when officers were called to Somerfield in Bridgnorth after thieves triggered a security alarm. Two of the offenders were sprayed with SmartWater as they entered the store, which was found on their clothing.

Leon John Abbey pleaded guilty to burglary and was sentenced to a community order with supervision requirements for 12 months and was sentenced to a community order with 80 hours of unpaid work, and pay £60 costs. The two other men, Lee Anslow and Christopher Boot, both received a 12 month community order, 12 months supervision, were ordered to carry out the Think First programme. He was also instructed to pay £960 costs. The two more, Lee Anslow and Christopher Boot, both received a 12 month community order, 12 months supervision, were ordered to carry out 80 hours of unpaid work, and pay £600 costs.

Detective Sergeant Allan Crossley, of Bridgnorth CID, said: “This is the first time SmartWater evidence has been presented during a trial to help us convict offenders in Shropshire. The technology is proving to be an extremely valuable tool in both detecting and preventing crime.”

A spokesperson for Somerfield said: “SmartWater is one of many security measures we have put in place nationally to deter criminal activity. These convictions are a testament to the excellent work of West Mercia Constabulary and will send out a powerful warning to all criminals.”
G4S CAMPAIGN: ATTACKS DOWN, ARRESTS UP

Cash-in-Transit (CIT) robberies in London are down by 24% following the introduction of SmartWater technology, according to G4S Cash Services (UK). The CIT firm introduced SmartWater forensic taggants to London cashboxes in October 2007 as part of a drive to stamp out these often violent crimes.

In July 2008, 21 year old Ali Luwanga from East London became the first CIT criminal to be convicted using SmartWater forensic evidence from a cashbox. Since then, SmartWater forensic analysis has been involved in the investigation of over 105 offenders arrested in connection with CIT crimes. SmartWater has identified 35 specific CIT attacks involving 58 offenders. Of these offenders 15 have so far been convicted at Crown Court, whilst the other 43 are awaiting trial.

To date, sentences ranging from 18 months detention to 8 years imprisonment have been ordered by the Courts, with a total of 55 years imprisonment being issued as a result of evidence provided by SmartWater. G4S has now significantly extended its use of SmartWater within cashboxes, particularly in areas with a high concentration of CIT attacks such as Enfield and Dartford.

Adam Miller, Risk Director, G4S Cash Services (UK) said: “It is very pleasing to see that attacks on our couriers have decreased so significantly since the introduction of this new technology. We are confident that our new security measures, including SmartWater, along with steps being taken by Police Forces across the country, will further reduce the number and severity of attacks against our staff.”

FIGHTING FREIGHT CRIME

A new SmartWater covert system designed to tackle a nationwide trend of thefts from Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) has been launched, with a pilot scheme spearheaded by Northamptonshire Police already underway.

Northants Police is working in partnership with the East Midlands Development Agency, Northamptonshire Enterprise Limited, and a number of haulage companies on the initiative which will see “Trap Trucks” deployed across the county. Anyone who breaks into a Trap Truck will be sprayed with SmartWater, linking them to the crime scene.

As well as the Trap Truck and increased patrols, Northants Police has a lorry trailer emblazoned with the words “Truckers beware, this is a load theft hotspot”. The branded vehicle is being moved around the county’s lorry theft hotspot areas in a bid to warn drivers and make offenders think about the possible consequences of their actions.

Force Crime Prevention Manager Mike Franklin, said: “Northamptonshire Police has invested significantly in SmartWater technology in the last year and it is hoped this new initiative will have a positive impact on deterring and catching those criminals that target lorries. The central location of Northamptonshire and its road network means it sees a heavy volume of road freight traffic. This makes us a popular target for organised crime groups who travel across the country to steel goods from lorries.”

PROTECTING VOID PREMISES

A scheme to tackle burglars who target empty properties has been launched in Sunderland.

The initiative will use SmartWater to mark boilers, fittings and other equipment within void properties in a bid to cut down on the number of burglaries that take place across the East End of Sunderland every year. The campaign is being driven by Sunderland City Council, Northumbria Police and “Back on the Map” – Sunderland’s New Deals for Communities initiative.

The launch follows a spate of burglaries in which thieves have targeted boilers, radiators and copper piping because of the growing value of scrap metal. The Council is also hoping to work with private landlords in the area by encouraging them to sign up to the scheme.

Detective Inspector Gareth Craig, of Sunderland Area Command, said: “Through the use of SmartWater, property owners will be able to assist us in finding and bringing to justice any thieves operating in their area. The technology can provide us with solid evidence that recovered goods have been acquired unlawfully.”

REDDITCH POLICE PARTNER WITH SECOND-HAND OUTLET

Having rolled out more than 1,000 SmartWater systems in Redditch in a joint initiative with Redditch Borough Council, Police in the town are now working in partnership with a local pawnbrokers in a bid to cut off the demand for stolen goods.

The Redditch branch of Cash Converters has been equipped with UV lights to check all goods coming into the store for traces of SmartWater. Cash Converters staff will also maintain a register of property accepted with traces of SmartWater, which will include details of the item, the date and time of the transaction and the name and address of the customer. This list will be available to Redditch Police on request. Cash Converters staff will also contact Police immediately if they have concerns with a particular transaction.

PC Eddie Mills, Crime Risk Manager for Redditch Police said: “This agreement between Police and Cash Converters sends out a clear message to criminals operating in Redditch. We are working together within the community to reduce burglary, and with a co-ordinated approach and the use of the latest technology, we’ll make it difficult for burglars to profit from crime.”

Mick Jones from Cash Converters said: “Cash Converters is committed to working with the Police to reduce crime. We operate a strictly enforced identification policy requiring customers to provide adequate and up to date identification. The Cash Converters in-store computer system also logs serial numbers to alert staff of any potentially suspicious items and in turn we can then alert the Police.”

STOP PRESS

Cash Converters stores in Evesham, Worcestershire and Rhyl, North Wales have also started checking all goods for SmartWater.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
ESTATES TACKLE BURGLARY

Residential areas in Northampton and Daventry have seen sharp reductions in burglary during the first quarter of 2009.

Thorplands Estate in Northampton, considered to be a county hotspot, has seen a 54 percent reduction in domestic burglary. At a recent public meeting, Thorplands residents declared SmartWater to be one of the top factors responsible for increasing public confidence in the area’s Crime Reduction Partnership. The Partnership now hopes to repeat this success on the nearby Lumbertubs Estate; the next area to receive SmartWater.

Brian Bell, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, said: “Everyone feels safer having SmartWater. The community would like to thank the Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) and volunteers for getting SmartWater onto the estate.”

Inspector John McKinney from Northamptonshire Police said: “SmartWater was a fundamental part of the Thorplands burglary reduction project and is producing genuine results. The added bonus has been the reduction in related acquisitive crime, with theft of and from vehicles seeing similar reductions. We are now working with Housing partners to ensure that the level of SmartWater deployment will be sustained together with the resulting reductions in crime.”

Elsewhere, residents on the Southbrook Estate in Daventry are experiencing a 29 percent reduction in domestic burglary for the first quarter of 2009, with further reductions predicted.

Over 2,000 homes in Daventry are already protected by SmartWater with plans for a further 1,000 homes scheduled over the coming months.

As part of the campaign’s ongoing awareness programme, The Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Safer Stronger Partnership together with SmartWater have agreed to sponsor the youth section of Daventry Rugby Club. The sports equipment has been branded with the SmartWater logo as a way of reinforcing its use in Daventry and the impact it is having in the local community.

STAFF SUPPORT FOR AIR AMBULANCE

A campaign of fundraising events by staff at SmartWater’s Head Offices has resulted in a donation of over £300 to Midlands Air Ambulance. The money has been raised internally by SmartWater employees throughout the financial year and will now be put towards supporting the ongoing work of Midlands Air Ambulance’s helicopter service.

Midlands Air Ambulance operates three Air Ambulances, covering a geographical area of 6,000 square miles across six Midland counties.

The rescue charity carries out approximately 3,500 missions each year and has completed in excess of 30,000 life saving missions since it commenced in 1991.

SmartWater Chief Executive, Phil Cleary, said: “To have raised so much money solely from the contributions of our staff is a wonderful achievement. Midlands Air Ambulance is an extremely worthwhile cause which is benefiting thousands of people across the region every year.”

Farmers have been put on alert after thousands of pounds worth of equipment was stolen during a series of farm raids across North and West Cumbria.

Police have been quick to point out that crooks are only targeting farms without SmartWater. More than 1,000 people across Cumbria are members of Farm watch, which is free to join and members each receive a SmartWater property coding system to mark plant machinery, metals and other farm equipment.

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35 Cumbria farms have been targeted in the last three months and according to crime prevention officer David Thompson, thieves are being very selective. He said: “They’re targeting farms that aren’t members of Farm watch or haven’t got SmartWater. These people are looking for easy opportunities. Farms with good security measures in place are at a considerably reduced risk of becoming victims. We’re encouraging farms to make life as difficult for the criminals as possible.”

Equipment and machinery worth around £3,000 was stolen in one night at a farm in Mealsgate. Intruders stole valuable equipment including the farm Land Rover, a generator, and a compressor, leaving farmers Tim and Peter Tinniswood short of crucial equipment. Days after the break-in, brothers Tim and Peter became members of Farm watch and started using the SmartWater marking system.

Peter Tinniswood said: “You can put as many locks on a shed as possible, but what we have done now with Farm watch and SmartWater is much more effective.”

SmartWater’s infrastructure offers a range of support services to help ensure the SmartWater deterrent works for you. Our dedicated staff members are on hand to assist domestic users, businesses, commercial clients, Police, Local Authorities and more with their crime prevention and risk management requirements.

If you require any assistance, please contact SmartWater on 0800 521 669 or email enquiry@smartwater.com