

TESTIMONIALS - from the residents of Caroline Gardens, Southwark



"I ran to a neighbour's house across the estate last week; there were five of us there in minutes. At least I know people are going to come around when we press our button."

Jeffrey Roberts
Resident

"I take it upstairs with me in case I see suspicious people. I have been broken into twice, early in the morning."

Mary Ford
Resident



"This is a life-saver as we have so many elderly residents; we need to have AlertBoxes in all of the homes. When you're on your own, at least you've got some help at the press of a button."

Marion Hill
Resident



"I think AlertBoxes are great; I saw two neighbours running to number X last week when she pressed her button."

Len Spearpoint
Resident

"I pressed the red button by accident, three people came to my door and others phoned – I feel secure now."

Elsie Pragnell
Resident



"We've been waiting for something as simple as this for ages."

Irene Roberts
Resident

Caroline Gardens is adjacent to an area with a high level of drug-related activities and associated business dealings. Consequently it suffers from opportunistic, and potentially violent, crime.

Southwark Council, in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, has established phase one of an electronic neighbourhood watch network for the benefit of the residents in Caroline Gardens – an estate that is home to 175 residents.

The project's objectives are to reduce crime and the fear of crime and to aid regeneration by creating a safer community that is more at ease with itself.

A more cohesive community will provide a better flow of information to the law-enforcement agencies, which in turn will result in their resources being deployed more effectively.

Southwark Council is helping the community to help themselves



"It's such a great idea and this estate is really going to benefit.

Some residents don't like to get involved in community activities – but they do want to have an AlertBox!"

Clive Taylor
Chair of Tenants' Association



"It makes me feel safe and I take it up to my bedroom at night.

It's a great idea – I wish my next-door neighbour had one."

Joyce Summerville
Resident

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