



AlertBox Network



In November 2005, South Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership established AlertBox networks in the shopping parades of their borough for the benefit of traders and shoppers.

The AlertBox systems enable traders to talk to each other at the touch of a button and are used for the monitoring and warning of potential shoplifters and crooks.

They can also be used to contact the emergency services at the touch of a button and create an invaluable deterrent to crime and anti-social behaviour.

The scheme is funded by South Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership.

Councillor Brian Edwards, leader of the Council, said:

"AlertBox is just the thing for small traders in village centres. It brings the local trading community together, and is a deterrent to would-be thieves, but most of all, it offers a degree of security both to the business owners and shop assistants; plus it offers reassurance to the local community visiting the shops.

The feedback from the business communities has been very positive and although we are still in the pilot stage of rolling out the Alert Box, we would like to see it eventually being placed around the whole of the South Staffordshire district."

Pam Coast, Shop Assistant at Bakers said:

"If we'd had an AlertBox a couple of months ago, we would have alerted others that there were people out the back trying to break in. Now the teenagers know we have AlertBox, I can threaten them with pressing the button – this works every time. A lot of customers have commented on what a good idea AlertBox is."



Links

Community Safety

External Link: www.alertbox.co.uk

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