

Testimonials

from Peckham Programme, Southwark Council and local traders

Southwark Council, with assistance from the Metropolitan Police, has established an AlertBox electronic neighbourhood watch network for the benefit of traders and shoppers in Peckham Rye. The project's objectives are to reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime, and aid regeneration.

This is what some of those closest to the programme have to say about AlertBox.



Customer: Peckham Programme, Southwark Council

"AlertBox is an innovative system which is already helping to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our town centre. Its presence unites the trading community and tends to raise morale. Stronger relations between the public and law-enforcement agencies are an added bonus."

David Strevens

Town Centre Manager

Peckham Programme, Southwark Council

Southwark police

AlertBox has proved its worth in assisting to reduce crime, and reducing the fear of crime. It has helped to set up a sustainable business watch community which is led by the local business community.

Stephen Morris

Crime Prevention Officer

Metropolitan Police

Members of the network

"I am no longer scared to come to work - I know that when I press a button someone will come and help."

Marielyne Nozarick

Employee

Rex Laundrette

"AlertBox is like having an extra member of staff. I whistle and loads of people come running. In an area sometimes less than hospitable in the evenings, it really does negate any feelings of isolation for the sole trader."

Sally Butcher

Proprietor

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"We are very happy with the AlertBox and find it very effective."

Bill Banks
Manager
London Private Taxi Hire

"We all feel secure with AlertBox on the premises."

Danielle Blenman
Employee
H & T Pawnbrokers

"It's quicker than calling the police, and if someone is standing in front of you, you can't get time to call the police. Neighbours come and ask you what happened; we feel more secure which is really good."

Ketan Patel
Employee
RAHKS Newsagents

"This will make Peckham safer and give shopkeepers and customers more confidence in the community."

Brenda Amey
Manager
Peckham Flower Shop

"AlertBox is a great innovation and an achievement for the council. We've never seen something as fantastic when it comes to the issue of crime control."

James David
Proprietor
HQ2 Design

"It's a good idea because if anybody looks suspicious we can just press a button to get a response from our neighbours. It's also good for when the female staff are by themselves."

Mr A Lopez
Manager
Homewares

"Before, if we had any trouble, we had no option other than calling the police. Being a clothes shop with women usually here, like my Mum and sister, it is easy to get in contact with somebody if you need to; so it's very good. Everybody should have one."

James Plicio
Employee
Julians Children Wear