

SMARTWATER & PERSONAL SAFETY PACKS – Protect yourself and your belongings

What is Smartwater?

Smartwater is a brand of forensic marking fluid containing millions of microscopic particles that make up an individual property identification code. The liquid is invisible to the naked eye, but glows green under UV light. It can be painted onto valuable items (e.g. laptops, MP3 players, televisions, antiques) so that if the items are stolen and later seized by the police, the markings can be checked and items linked with their owners.

The South and Vale Community Safety Partnership have provided funding for the provision of large Ultra violet lanterns to detect items that have been marked with Smartwater, ultra violet pens or other forensic marking products. These lanterns are being used across the area by Neighbourhood Policing Teams and other crime teams during stop checks, when carrying out warrants and on our regular checks on local scrap yards and various other instances.

The Local Police Area supply these kits at a one off cost of £15.00 with no annual fee, these home marking kits normally retail at £60 plus an annual fee of £60. If you would like to find out more about Smartwater please visit www.smartwater.com

Personal Safety Packs

The personal safety packs contain the following:

Personal defender alarm torch, UV property marking pen, purse bell, “no cold callers” letterbox sticker and crime prevention leaflets. The cost is £4.00 per pack.

Purse bells are a great way to alert the owner that someone maybe trying to remove their purse from their bag, due to the “bell” noise it makes.

The UV pens are a great way to property mark smaller electrical items.

The personal alarms are a great way to feel safer when out and about, it reaches 130dBs, is key ring activated, and has an LED torch.

Both of the above kits can be purchased from the front desk at Abingdon Police Station or you can **contact your local Neighbourhood Team on the non-emergency police number 101.**

If you would like more information please contact Lisa Butler - Community Relations Officer lisa.butler@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or call 01235 556611