

This is a message from Lorraine Hemphrey – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.  
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I would like to raise your awareness to security companies who have been contacting people on the phone and at the door and purporting to be working in conjunction with the Home Office and the local Police. They persuade you that there has been an increase in crime locally and that you should increase your security. They will use quite hard selling tactics and on some occasions will be very hard to get rid of. They may tell you that the security equipment they are selling is free, but you will later find that there will be a large monthly fee.

Can I reassure you that the latest crime statistics for Mid Kent Police show that all crime has fallen by 13.9%? In the quarter from July 09 to September 09 burglary of homes, sheds and outbuildings has fallen. We would of course encourage you to always be aware of your security, use good quality locks and secure your home properly when you are away. Kent Police does not endorse any security companies and if you are at all concerned by a call you can contact your local Neighbourhood Officer or myself. If you are considering buy a security system can I advise that you do not make any quick decisions and check the company out first. Get some alternative quote from other companies before making your final decision.