



Operation SHIELD is a Cheshire Police approach to property marking and crime prevention. The property marking kit is called Selecta DNA which is a marking system unique to an individual address which allows for identification of property in the event of it being stolen, but more importantly is to aid in the prevention of crime and to act as a deterrent.

Tattenhall & District Parish Council has been fully supportive of the roll out within the Parish. One kit will be supplied free of charge to every household and additional kits can be purchased at a cost of £40 from Cheshire Police.

The aim of Operation SHIELD when it is rolled out in Tattenhall is for it to be distributed to every residential and farmhouse property by a personal visit by a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or associated unit such as Community Safety Wardens. The visit will involve a simple registration process of filling in the recipient details on a form for recording purposes only and then the person issuing the kit explaining how to use the kit and the type of items that can be uniquely marked by the kit.

The kit comprises all that is required, with a pictorial leaflet showing 6/7 easy steps to follow, a bottle of solution which when applied with an applicator, also supplied, dries clear and hardly visible to the eye. Also in the kit are 4 window stickers for placing at visible points where someone might look at the property. There are a large number of round tamper proof stickers within the kit for placing on larger items to aid in identifying that a piece of property has been marked, in the unlikely event of it being stolen, and finally in the kit is a credit card size piece of plastic with the reference numbers which are unique to a property and which allow property to be identified to a particular address.

The liquid, when applied, will last for several years, is extremely difficult to remove once applied and any attempt at removal will leave a significant other mark.

In addition to the roll out of individual kits, there will be a number of street type signs placed at various relevant points throughout the village to indicate to any would be thieves that residents of Tattenhall have marked their property and that the community is being pro-active in deterring crime

The following are examples of the type of property that can be marked, however it is not a definitive list:

- Garden equipment – Lawn mowers, Ride on mowers, strimmer's etc.
- Power Tools – Drills, Chain saws etc.
- Small agricultural equipment – Quad bikes, Rotators, trailers etc.
- Garden furniture – Benches, Patio furniture, Barbeques, patio heaters etc.
- Leisure / Hobby items – Golf clubs, fishing tackle, Saddles and other tack etc.
- Electronic devices – Laptops, I-pads, mobile phones, televisions etc.
- Ornaments – Figurines, pottery etc.
- Pieces of furniture, paintings / artwork etc.
- Jewellery boxes, safes etc.

There has not been an increase in Burglaries or theft of property in the area, but it is important to be proactive and preventative with the aim to reduce the likelihood of being a victim of crime.

It is envisaged that Officers and other staff will be visiting each and every address in Tattenhall starting the beginning of May 2018 to personally deliver your own unique kit and explain how to use it and register the kit to you and your property.

I hope to see you soon, along with my colleagues PCSO Jon HURST, PCSO Rachael McKEVITT with your Selecta DNA kit as part of the roll out of Operation SHIELD in Tattenhall.

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