



## Angus Brown of E-Bound talks security lighting

**S**ecurity lighting for churches, are they a reliable deterrent or can they inadvertently aid thieves at the dead of night? The Managing Director of E-Bound talks in depth about the best way to light up your church.

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## Police warn of spike in lead theft in Northamptonshire and Leicestershire

**P**olice are urging people to stay vigilant following two criminal incidents at Suffolk churches. Police are asking people to keep a look out for unfamiliar persons and or vehicles parked at or nearby local churches.

To note down any descriptions and registrations. Officers also suggest scaffolding is removed

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"If suspicious persons are seen then phone us on 101 but if it's an obvious crime in progress is occurring then dial 999."

as soon as possible after work has been completed. Grease or anti-vandal paint can be applied to downpipes to deter climbing.

Sgt Brian Calver, of the rural crime team, said: "If a church doesn't have a roof alarm system fitted and has a substantial quantity of lead on the roof, it's advisable to ensure one is fitted.

"The cost of an alarm which churches can apply for help with are far cheaper than the bills for the loss/damage which can run into tens of thousands of pounds."

"There's also the bonus that much more can be recouped through insurance costs if an approved roof alarm system is fitted."

# E-Bound at RBTE

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**L**ighting is effective in preventing crime mainly if it enables people to notice criminal activity as it is taking place and if it does not help criminals to see what they are doing. Bright, unshielded floodlights often fail on both counts, as do all-night lights installed on isolated structures or on parts of a building that cannot be observed by passersby. Thus, a burglar who is forced to use a torch, or whose movement triggers a security light controlled by an infrared motion sensor, is much more likely to be spotted than one whose presence is masked by the blinding glare of a poorly placed security light.

For security, lights should have sensors and should go on when motion is detected, however, the duration of the illumination should be short. Something like 30-60 seconds only and then the light should switch off.

## Security lighting for your church. Effective deterrent, or aid to thieves?

*By Angus Brown*

Leaving lights on for any longer may only aid the thief, since you will be providing ample light for him. In addition, a light switching on and off is more likely to be spotted than one that remains on. In short, lights are only a deterrent if somebody else is around to see what is being lit up. Should there be areas that cannot be overlooked, then leave them unlit. Darkness favours the defender.

Angus Brown, Managing Director of E-Bound, has held a number of security related roles since leaving British Army Intelligence and brings the skills from that to E-Bound's alarm systems.



## THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST

**A**s the national charity protecting historic churches at risk, we have 353 sites across England, representing over 1000 years of history. Our churches welcome nearly 2 million visitors per year and host a range of events and activities. Sadly, our churches are also targets for metal theft and we have had a number of incidents over the years where roof materials have been stolen. The true cost of these crimes are not simply the cost of the replacement roof, but the discrepancy between the small quantity of metal stolen and the damage caused in the execution of the theft.

Our collection includes medieval wall paintings and other historic features which are also put at risk of further damage from water ingress after the theft of roof metal.

We use the E-Bound roof alarm system at a number of our churches because it is designed specifically for the protection of church roofs and each alarm is designed on a bespoke basis. We feel happy knowing that some of our most vulnerable sites are covered by E-bound alarms which provide rapid detection and deterrence to metal theft.

### ***Peter Aiers***

***Chief Executive, The Churches Conservation Trust***

**A**fter a career start at English Heritage, Peter worked as a local authority conservation officer and sat on the Peterborough Diocesan Advisory Committee. He became the first Conservation Officer employed in the Church of England, for the Diocese of London, before becoming a Project Development Manager supporting parishes in the maintenance of the buildings in their care and finding sustainable solutions for historic churches through grant aid and commercial development.

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# The E-Bound Scaffold Alarm System Extra Protection for Vulnerable Churches

**H**ere at E-Bound, we understand that ecclesiastical buildings require a certain degree of maintenance and can sometimes have scaffolding erected for months. This can represent a significant extra risk to the church roof. In order to mitigate this, we have adapted our alarm system to be used on scaffolding. When used with an E-Bound Roof Alarm System, extra protection can be offered for the church and the roof and this may result in insurance cover being provided, even whilst scaffolding is in use. You should check with your architect, contractor and insurance company for full details of the cover that may be offered.

We believe using both the E-Bound Roof Alarm System and E-Bound Scaffold Alarm provides an extra layer of protection when a church is vulnerable due to building works.



## Alarm System Care & Responsibility

**A**s much as a quality roof alarm can provide peace of mind, an alarm that is not regularly inspected, in particular on a church roof may be susceptible to malfunction. For instance, moss from the stonework or weeds from the guttering can grow in front of the sensors and interfere with the functioning of the alarm and recent reports in the last few months have shown that it's not uncommon.

Therefore, we urge our customers to please regularly check your roof for any obstructions, natural or deliberate to the alarm and its sensors, including spray paint, which we have seen some reports of recently.

In order for the alarm to function as intended, the sensors must be able to supervise the roof without being obstructed.

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