

# 'ello, 'ello to reduced crime



Fear of crime on what was Worksop's most burgled street has been slashed, thanks to a pioneering project between Nottinghamshire Police and Longhurst and Havelok (L&H) Homes.

Six months ago L&H Homes residents in Yeoman Close were identified as suffering the most burglary incidents per population in their town. To address the problem, the crime reduction manager and L&H team agreed to start a project to boost security.

Thanks to the partnership, all 53 homes and flats benefited from extra security measures on their front and back doors, new alarms and letterbox cages. The materials were funded by the police, with L&H Homes providing the labour and managing liaison with residents.

Additional measures have also helped to improve the look and feel of the estate. These include installing signage, adding new steel fencing, contacting Eon to clear graffiti and gaining funding to improve the previously 'open access' drying area.





The knock-on effect has been substantial, according to Lisa Birch who led the project for L&H Homes.

She said: “Our survey with residents shows that they are very satisfied with the work completed, and we’ve had many comments showing a powerful appreciation of the project. By working together we’ve helped reduce crime levels, and through working with residents and showing we listen, we’ve also tackled some long-standing issues around waste management on the estate.

“With welcome packs now on hand for new households on the street, and cameras in void properties, the project continues to generate results. We’re now set to launch it in another neighbourhood, working with the council, police and other social landlords.”

The success of the project has seen it entered for a national award, and the partnership approach is set to be replicated across the county by Nottinghamshire Police.

