



Alley gates installed after Home Office funding

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Background

Launched in 2020, the Government's Safer Streets scheme formed part of the government's concerted action to tackle crime and aimed to provide funds to help reduce burglary and theft in crime hotspots across the UK. The money could be put towards measures proven to cut crime, such as home security, alley gates, street lighting, CCTV, and distributing crime prevention advice.

60% of the crimes committed in the UK are classed as 'acquisitive crimes' (robbery, theft, and burglary). The UK government has identified that these crimes occur in specific areas where criminals find it easy to offend, due to poor window and door security, or easy access through alleyways.

After a successful bid by the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC), an action plan was formulated with help from a resident consultation in the area, with a range of security measures included.

The security measures proposed were improved local CCTV coverage, free home security improvements for selected properties, such as better door and window locks, lighting, alarms, and CCTV, alley gates, neighbourhood alert messages, and crime prevention literature for all residents.

Throughout the whole process, a Facebook group has kept residents of the borough informed of the progress. Admin shared updates on the installation of CCTV and the alley gates, as well as factsheets, and informative infographics. As part of the correspondence within the group, it was stated that where alley gates are installed, there is up to a 43% reduction in burglary.

Alley gates block access to concealed areas where crimes can be committed, and prevent unauthorised access to homes. Alleyways are also prime spots for fly tipping, and almost 20 tonnes of rubbish were removed from the alleys alongside the installation of the gates.



Solution

In one of our most far-reaching projects to date, 74 of our Barbican® alley gates were installed in the Victoria ward of Wellingborough, and 18 were installed in Kettering, to help reduce crime and make the areas safer for residents.

The pink dots on the map show the locations of the alley gates in Wellingborough, of which 25 are public and maintained by the council, and 49 private, with keys given to residents.

Barbican® gates are extremely secure, as they incorporate a welded pale-through-rail construction, with no visible bolts or fixings that could be removed. We developed the Barbican® range of fencing and gates as an answer to the inherent flaws and weaknesses that steel palisade brings; it has bolts that can be easily removed, and pales that can then be swung aside to allow repeated access without an obvious trace of a break in.

The gates are hot dip galvanised for long-lasting protection against rust and corrosion, and were powder coated black to provide a smart appearance and durable finish.

The alley gates were manufactured with key locks, a timeless and simple locking method.

At Jacksons Fencing we pride ourselves on manufacturing quality products with sustainability in mind. All our steel and timber fencing and gates come with a 25 year guarantee, as we are so confident in our processes and products.

The Borough Council of Wellingborough was also awarded £50,000 to maintain 25 of the public alley gates for the lifespan of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) that covers the town centre, Victoria and Isebrook. Therefore, for a minimum of the next three years, the area is covered by legislation that prohibits anti-social behaviour.

Stephen Mold, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner commented on the scheme "My vision is to do everything I can to make this county a safer place and this financial support will have an enormous impact on improving security in the areas selected, which have higher levels of acquisitive crime than average for the county."



Barbican® Gate



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