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There is no greater priority than protecting your home, your family and your community and, all too often, you may not feel you have received the support to enable you to do that.

I have secured £548,980 from the Home Office to invest in the security of homes and farms in your area to make sure that you are safer and feel safer.

You can get **free security survey and upgrades** to your home as part of this scheme. The more people who take part, the safer we can make everyone and the better we can prevent crime, put off criminals and protect your home.

Funding is available for the following:

- **To upgrade the security of homes which fall below 'Secure by Design' standards by looking at what can be improved and then paying for this to be put into place** – please see the enclosed information to find out if you are eligible.
- **To provide detailed security and crime prevention advice** - which you can find in this pack, to help you protect yourselves.
- **To work with landowners, farmers and local construction companies to bund fields (construct banks) around vulnerable areas of villages** – the aim of this is to stop access across them to the rear of properties, with the added benefit of preventing crop damage and poaching. This has proved highly successful elsewhere in the country.

There is specialised support available for farms – please contact us for further details.

To apply for your free home security survey

- Please take five minutes to read the *Protect Your Home* scheme information leaflet
- Using the checklist in the leaflet, think about whether you are eligible for a security upgrade, most of you will be.
- If you think you are, or are not sure, please contact us.
- My team will then arrange for our approved provider to visit you, undertake the survey and upgrade your security.

To arrange your free security survey:

- Go to www.ProtectYourHome.org.uk and complete the simple online form.
- Text Survey to 07808 654 870 and we will give you a call back.
- Email help@ProtectYourHome.org.uk with your name, address and contact details.
- Call 01423 569 562 and we'll take your details and answer any questions

You can also:

- Place the property marking stickers enclosed in a prominent place where anyone visiting your home will see them.
- Read the crime prevention information provided in this pack and take action where you think necessary.
- Keep a lookout for **#ProtectYourHome** on social media, and for more crime prevention advice at www.ProtectYourHome.org.uk

From Whitley and Heck to Womersley, Stapleton and the Smeatons, from Cridling Stubbs to Walden Stubbs and Balne, where you live is a beautiful, rural area. But it is also well connected, and we all know that brings opportunities for criminals that can make this community a target. The geography of your area – flat with few field boundaries and criss-crossed by a network of small roads – means that the area remains vulnerable, and criminals are often long clear before the police have even been notified.

That is why I chose to put forward your community as the first area in North Yorkshire to benefit from this investment.

Please register as soon as possible to help us prioritise your requirements. We only have until the end of March 2021 to complete this work, so act now to help us prevent crime, put off criminals and protect your home.

With best wishes,



Julia Mulligan
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner