

Planting to Enhance your Home Security



Care & Advice Sheet

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If you require any further information, please ask our outdoor plant advisors who will be very happy to help.

Opening Times

Monday – Saturday: 9am – 6pm

Sunday: 9.30am – 4pm

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Prickly planting is a visual deterrent and physical barrier intended to compliment and not replace traditional crime prevention measures such as locks, alarms and lighting.

Home grown security can be adopted to protect parameters of your property to form a barrier around drainpipes or beneath ground floor windows etc., making entry more difficult.

Consider planting a selection of these specially chosen plants as an alternative or in addition to fencing.

The range of plants listed below are an attractive means of protecting your property and are readily available out in our plant area.

As well as improving your security they will add colour and variety to your garden or business premises.

Mahonia bealei Winter Sun

- Prickly evergreen shrubs with fragrant yellow flowers in winter and spring.
- Grows 1.2 -1.8m tall.
- Suitable for shade.



Pyracantha

- Large evergreen shrubs suitable for wall training or hedge.
- White flowers May - June followed by red, orange or yellow berries in autumn. Thorny branches.
- Grows 2 - 4" tall (5 -10cm).



Berberis ottawensis Superba

- Use as a hedge or an individual shrub. Deciduous barbed plant with beautiful purple foliage. Yellow flowers in Spring.
- Reaches 1.5 - 1.8m tall. Allow two plants per metre.



Berberis stenophylla

- Graceful evergreen with long arching prickly branches, masses of yellow flowers in Spring.
- Grows 1.8 - 2.5m tall. Allow two plants per metre.

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Crataegus Monogyna

- Common Hawthorn. Forms an impenetrable thorny hedge.
- Fast growing, wonderful sight in May and June with fragrant flowers. Red Haws in autumn.
- Plant in staggered row, 4 per metre. Prune to required height.