

## **PRESS INFORMATION**

**from Caldwell Hardware (UK) Ltd**

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### ***Caldwell window security enhancement plates pass the test for Greenwich Council refurbishment scheme***

**As part of a major local authority refurbishment project to improve over 100 tenement flats in the London Borough of Greenwich, Caldwell Hardware have supplied security enhancement plates for over 800 new vertical sliding sash windows manufactured by Masterframe.**

The painted stainless steel plates were developed by Caldwell in conjunction with Masterframe whose first step was to involve security specialists from Greenwich Council. They in turn invited the Metropolitan Police Crime Prevention Officer for Greenwich, Peter Kxxxx, to test the security plates at Caldwell's Leamington Spa premises.

After rigorous testing using a range of tools likely to be available to the average burglar, Peter Kxxxx was impressed:

"We used garden tools, screw drivers, crowbars and so on to find out just how effective the plates are against a determined burglar," explained Peter, "and I have to say that they stood up to our tests really well. The sliding sash windows proved impossible to jemmy apart."

To meet the specific needs of the Greenwich refurbishment programme, a few minor suggestions were made which were fully implemented by Caldwell's in-house design team.

Standard sash lock plates have proved very popular with Caldwell customers who require enhanced and cost-effective security solutions for new and existing window installations.

The unobtrusive plates are suitable for most timber, PVC-U and aluminium windows and use a mechanism which interlocks the key-operated sash lock and keeper as one integral unit without compromising the aesthetics of the window.

They are part of a wide range of security and safety accessories which complement the complete range of hardware products available from Caldwell.

### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

\* Caldwell is one of Europe's leading designers and manufacturers of specialist hardware products for the window and door industry. A wide range of standard and bespoke products - including sash balances, folding openers, handles & locking systems, pivots & hinges and catches & bolts - ensures that all customer project requirements can be met.

\* Caldwell is part of the Caldwell Manufacturing Group founded in the USA in 1888. A century later, a Caldwell group company

supplied window balances as part of a window refurbishment scheme for New York's Empire State Building.

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