



BOBBY VAN

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is a registered charity and is entirely responsible for raising all the funds needed to operate the Bobby project.

The Bobby Van project consists of three vans that are, in effect, mobile workshops. The Bobby operators are skilled carpenters/lock-fitters and are trained Crime Reduction Officers. They have also been trained by Wiltshire Fire & Rescue to carry out fire risk assessments with the aim of improving fire safety awareness. They wear uniforms that resemble those worn by police officers.

Initially set up to help older victims of burglary, we are now able to include vulnerable and disadvantaged people and victims of domestic violence (only if referred through DVU).

Our aims are:

- To reduce the fear of crime
- To reduce the incidence of burglary
- To reduce the incidence of repeat victimisation among elderly, vulnerable and disadvantaged people

The two co-ordinators receive and prioritise referrals and make appointments for the operators to visit. The operator then visits and assesses the needs of the client by means of a security survey and fire risk assessment, addresses any concerns the client may have, supplies and fits locks and fittings necessary to secure the property and advises the client on personal safety and property security. They will also provide information on other agencies that may be able to help the client. As part of the service we provide for the community the Bobby Van Trust gives talks on personal and property security to clubs, groups and societies. These are arranged by contacting the Bobby Co-ordinator.

The services of the Bobby Van Trust are free of charge.

For more information please visit our website on www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk

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