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"BURGLAR PROOF YOUR HOLIDAY"

That's the message issued today, 8th June 2005, by Castlereagh PSNI, District Policing Partnership and Community Safety Partnership in their latest awareness raising campaign aiming to reduce domestic burglaries whilst residents are on holidays.

"Each year local residents unwittingly become the victims of domestic burglary because they've not taken the appropriate precautions to secure their homes before going on holidays" explains Inspector Stephen Addley, Castlereagh PSNI. "We want to make sure people enjoy their holidays and don't come home to a nasty surprise so we are encouraging that a number of practical steps are taken to guard against burglars when you're going on holidays"

During June a series of advertisements will be seen on buses to emphasise this message. To further reinforce this postcards will be given out through post offices, travel agents, doctors as well as other local venues which provide residents with a checklist of things to do before going on holidays.

"Taking simple steps like cancelling milk deliveries and cutting the lawn before you go will ensure that attention is not drawn to your home – making it obvious that it's empty" continues Inspector Addley. "We're pleased that domestic burglary in Castlereagh has declined by almost 50% in the past 2 years but we must all take steps to make sure we're not a victim. Following the steps on these postcards is easy and can make a real difference."

POSTCARD ATTACHED

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