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Mr P D Errett The Fairway Ringmore KINGSBRIDGE Devon TQ7 4HW

8th March 2012

Dear Mr Errett,

Application of Smart Water - Ringmore, All Hallows

Churches across the country are being blighted by the theft of lead and copper from their roofs. For criminals keen to cash in on the high price of scrap metals, places of worship often make an obvious target. It is a rapidly growing problem that's causing untold distress to our parish communities and is reaching epidemic proportions - 2011 was the worst year on record for the number of metal theft claims from churches. In fact, over the past four years, metal theft claims from churches insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance (EIG) have exceeded £25m, with over 9,000 claims.

More than seven churches a day nationwide are falling victim to the attacks. It's not just the cost of replacing the materials that is the problem, it's also the resultant damage - thieves have torn holes in roofs causing leaks and ripped stonework away from pinnacles and towers.

In 2007, all of the churches in this Diocese (who are insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance) were sent a sample of SmartWater solution. This is a forensic property marker that can be used on valuable and/or easily removable items. **No two SmartWater solutions have the same forensic code**, meaning that marked items can be traced back to where they came from, provided that the solution applied has been registered with SmartWater. This also means that criminals can be linked with crime scenes. The solution is invisible under normal light, but glows brightly under UV light, making it easily identifiable by the police.

However it has come to our attention that over half of the churches in this Diocese could still be at risk, as **they have either not applied the sample sent to them in 2007, or have applied it but not subsequently registered this sample of SmartWater**. This letter is being sent to those parishes who we believe fall into one or both of these categories. For insurance policies renewed after the 1st July 2011, your church **will not be insured for theft of metal** if you have not applied and registered SmartWater and displayed the correct signage.

If you have applied the sample and registered it, then please accept my apologies for writing to you, but if there is any uncertainty about whether this has been done or not, I would strongly advise that you check with SmartWater on 01952 204 102.

From January 2011 the SmartWater registration process has been changed so that when a kit is ordered, it will be automatically registered with SmartWater. If you have ordered a kit recently and are unsure about your registration status, it's advisable to call SmartWater to check.

SmartWater that remains unused and unregistered **expires after only two years**, so please check the use by date printed on the bottle. Once applied SmartWater is extremely robust however, for areas exposed to weathering a 5 year guarantee is given. On items marked inside the church it will last indefinitely.

If you require additional SmartWater supplies, Ecclesiastical policyholders can receive a 40% discount when purchasing SmartWater solution directly from SmartWater, who can also supply SmartWater signage (posters, plastic signs and stickers). For more information, please call **01952 204 102**. When you get in touch with SmartWater, please let them have your church insurance policy number together with the full address of your church and the name of the Diocese. Providing this information will enable SmartWater to pre-register your kit before it is despatched to you.

If you do not insure your building through Ecclesiastical Insurance, you should contact your church's insurer to investigate the further precautions against lead theft that they recommend.

Should you have any queries about any of the above or would like further advice, do not hesitate to ring me.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

E. Van der Steen

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Church of All Hallows Parish Church, Ringmore

(Modbury Team Ministry, Woodleigh Deanery, Diocese of Exeter)

Team Clergy are: Team Rector, Rev'd Neil Barker, Modbury (01548 830260), Rev'd Lesley Valiant, Loddiswell (01548 550933). Reader Michael Tagent, Ringmore (01548 810520) Reader Terry Valiant, Loddiswell (01548 550933).

SmartWater Technology Ltd PO Box 136 Telford TF3 3WY

18th March 2012

Scheme No 17522 Identification No 1187170.1

Dear Sir.

Please find enclosed the Statement of Registration for All hallows, Ringmore.

I do apologise of the lateness of completing and posting the attached form.

The protection of the church property was protected some time ago but unfortunately due to my clerical error I had not realised there was a Registration form to complete & post in the package supplied.

As a matter of interest how long does the application of Smart Water last ? I notice that the original applicator has a use by date of Oct 2009. If we have new items or have to replace any lead due to repairs etc can we still use the applicator supplied or do we need to purchase a new applicator.

Yours sincerely

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Mr P D Errett (Church Warden) The Fairway Ringmore Devon TQ7 4HW

* New application required if new application required for future use.

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STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION

(C) ACT 1967, S.9 MC Act 1980, ss. 5A(3)(a) and 58. MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Please complete all details, one character per box, IN BLOCK CAPITALS USE BLACK INK ONLY

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Dear Customer,

Thank you for choosing to protect your property with SmartWater.

It is vital that you complete this statement of registration as soon as possible in BLACK ink and return it to the following address: SmartWater Technology Limited, PO Box 136, Telford TF3 3WY Your details will be maintained on our National Security Register, which is certified to ISO27001

Customer Details

Title (Mr / Mes / Miss / Ms / Other) MR	Identification Number
Last Name ERRETT	1187170.1
Rist Name PHILLIP	
Sender ALL HALLOWS CHURCH	
Comp./School Continued	
House Flat Number Number	
House Name	
Street	
TOWN RINGMORE KINGSBRIDGE	
County DEVON	
Postal Code / Zip Code	
Tel, Home 01548 810547 Tel, Mobile	

Data Protection: Under the terms of your SmartWater License, we may provide your details to other law enforcement agencies and other official government agencies. No information will be passed onto third party organisations for the purpose of marketing and promotion.

The following statement needs to be completed by the person applying the SmartWater to your property.

I confirm that items of property at the address stated above have been marked with SmartWater on this date

Statement of: (The following details are those of the person applying the SmartWater)

Last Name ERREIT PHILLIP First Name CHURCH WARDEN Occupation

This statement consisting of 1 page signed by met is true to the best of my knowledge and helief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe.

Signature of person who applied the SmartWater

P. D. Errett

Witnessed by

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Form Type

Scheme Number:

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- Links criminals to the crime scene
- 100% conviction rate in court

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