

## **Graffiti Removal**

The Brentford, Chiswick & Isleworth Crime Prevention Panel is a voluntary organisation, whose objective is to encourage the greater public participation in the prevention, and solution of crime as well as assisting the police in measures designed to reduce the level of crime.

Local police officers are represented on the panel and over the past year one of their initiatives that we have been supporting, has been to address the ever-increasing problem of graffiti in our area. For example, an anti graffiti leaflet has been produced and distributed, offenders have been identified and arrested and through community contacts victims of graffiti damage have been encouraged to remove evidence of graffiti as soon as it appears.

Until now, the removal of graffiti from brick and stone has proved difficult and if carried out by a contractor, expensive. Many of the cleaning products available are caustic and can be dangerous to use. Some of those also require some form of pressure cleaning to remove final traces. Clearly, cleaning brickwork with a pressure cleaner requires care as it can cause serious damage.

As Chairman of the Panel I am writing to inform you that we have identified and tested a product for graffiti removal which we have found to be effective, safe and easy to use.

The product is called "Safe Paint & Varnish Remover" made by Action Products Ltd and can be obtained from the distributors, Safety Industries (Oakwood) Ltd, Ton bridge Road, Harold Hill, Romford, Essex, RM3 8TS. Telephone 01708 381499.

It is not yet available in shops and its approximate cost is £43,350 Ex. VAT for 5 litres.

The product is simply painted on liberally, left for a few minutes and washed off with water. In the case of graffiti on stone & brickwork it is better after application to use the Masonry Wash which is also made by Action Products Ltd and can also be provided by Safety Industries. The Wash then removes all traces of any paint particles from crevioes.

The benefits of the product are:-

- Its non toxic and safe to use
- Removes paint effortlessly without the need for scrubbing;
- Works within minutes:
- There is no need for power pressure cleaning equipment, which can be expensive.
- dangerous and can cause further damage.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I urge that if your property has suffered from graffiti please give serious thought to using the Safe Paint & Varnish Remover from "Action Products Ltd". If you require any further advice on graffiti removal please contact the Crime Prevention Office at Chiswick Police Station on 020 8247 6424.

Flavia Beckwith Chairman