

AlertSystems Backs Role of Security Systems in Preventing Scottish Bank Robberies in 2013

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Leading provider of business security systems, AlertSystems, has hailed the impact of commercial security measures in helping to prevent bank robberies in Scotland after learning that there was not a single heist in 2013.

The response comes following the release of figures from the British Bankers' Association (BBA), which reveals that, after peaking at 80 bank robberies in 1992, numbers have dwindled to the point that there were none at all in Scotland last year.

Across the UK as a whole there were 89 bank heists in 2013, which is way down on the all-time high number of 847 in 1992. Such a reduction is a sign of the efforts that the industry has made in the last decade to make banks less accessible and attractive to thieves. Less cash is kept in branches now and this is clearly a factor, as is the implementation of improved security measures including better CCTV security systems and protective screens.

On the release of such positive figures, Anthony Browne of the BBA said: "Being caught up in a bank job is a terrifying ordeal for staff and customers that can scar lives for decades. So it's very good to see that the number of these crimes has fallen sharply and that there were none at all in Scotland last year."

As a leading independent provider of security systems to businesses, AlertSystems echoes these sentiments and insists the figures provide irrefutable evidence of the deterrent that security measures provide to businesses.

A spokesman for the company said: "The news that Scotland did not see a single bank robbery in 2013 is great news for the industry and the citizens north of the border. Workers and members of the public will feel infinitely safer going about their business, and this is down to the smart initiatives that have been implemented by banks in recent years to make themselves less attractive to criminals.

"Keeping less cash on-site at branches is obviously a factor, but it goes without saying that the improved security measures deployed by banks have played a massive part too. The installation of high-quality CCTV security systems provides a powerful deterrent to would-be criminals, as the quality of images these days means there is a great chance that offenders will be identified. Alarm systems now are more sophisticated too, being harder to disable and with the ability to alert the authorities to intruder activity quicker than ever.

"We have no doubt that the figures across the UK as a whole will continue to come down year-on-year as improvements to security measures become increasingly mainstream," he added.

AlertSystems (<http://www.alertsystems.co.uk/>) manage and maintain thousands of commercial security installations throughout the UK and are specialists in providing business security solutions. Offering professional service and a complete range of security services such as monitored alarm systems, Automatic Number Plate Recognition and Avigilon CCTV security systems, AlertSystems provides effective and reliable

solutions to security problems.