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**PICKERSGILL-KAYE'S LOCKS AND HATCHES CAUGHT ON CAMERA IN THE BATTLE TO CURB BURGLARY**

Pickersgill-Kaye Ltd's cell locks and hatches came under the national television spotlight in Channel 4's recent Cutting Edge documentary, *Burgled*, that focused on the efforts of West Yorkshire Police to tackle an epidemic of property break-ins.

Leeds is a hot spot for burglaries and one postcode - LS13 - has been flagged up by an insurance company as the worst in the country for burglary-related insurance claims, probably inflated by the high number of student homes in the area which are viewed by burglars as easy targets.

Trailers and footage for the film feature Pickersgill-Kaye's eye-catching hatches and cell door locks after the force granted the programme makers access to custodial suites in several Leeds police stations.

Police are fighting back and driving burglary figures down in the city with a combination of innovative crime prevention techniques and state-of-the-art technology, such as provided by local cell lock manufacturer Pickersgill-Kaye.

In the battle against crime Pickersgill-Kaye played a major manufacturing role in the new multi-million pound state-of-the-art custody suite which has helped transform Pudsey Police Station into one of the most modern and secure in West Yorkshire.

Pudsey's 22 cells that make up the purpose-built complex have all been supplied with Pickersgill-Kaye's robust 8-lever Kaye Class 1 Custodial Cell Lock, a lock developed by the company in response to a growing demand for more choice and innovation in the custodial sector.

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Kaye Class 1 is a heavy duty lock which can fit most standard UK cell doors. It has been installed by door manufacturers at a growing number of custodial facilities for authorities across the country, including the Metropolitan Police, Cleveland, Staffordshire Police and Two Counties.

In addition to manufacturing the cell and pass locks for Pudsey, Pickersgill-Kaye also supplied its custodial inspection hatches for the cell doors as part of the £2.5million refurbishment programme.

The Kaye Class 1 cell lock meets the demanding requirements laid down in the respected SS317 standard: An international specification that accurately measures the lock's resistance to wilful damage, physical security, ergonomics, cyclic testing and performance in a hostile environment.

Pickersgill-Kaye's Sales Director, Harry Griffiths, said: "We are proud that the latest cell lock technology, manufactured at our site in Leeds, has now been seen nationwide as helping West Yorkshire police curb the blight of burglary in the local community."

Pudsey Police Station's revamp is providing the local force and the community it serves with a facility fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Pickersgill-Kaye's high performance cell locks and hatches are helping the police reduce burglary figures by detaining people using West Yorkshire manufacturing expertise for West Yorkshire cells.

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**Background information:**

Pickersgill-Kaye Ltd has built a solid reputation over the past 150 years through the specialist design and manufacture of Kaye's patent door locks for the architectural and railway industries throughout the UK and overseas. More recently, the company has diversified and is now using its expertise to design, supply & maintain high security locks for the UK detention industry.

Operating from premises in Leeds, the company uses state of the art CAD systems linked to advanced CNC engineering facilities, producing high quality, British engineered products to the highest quality standards

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