

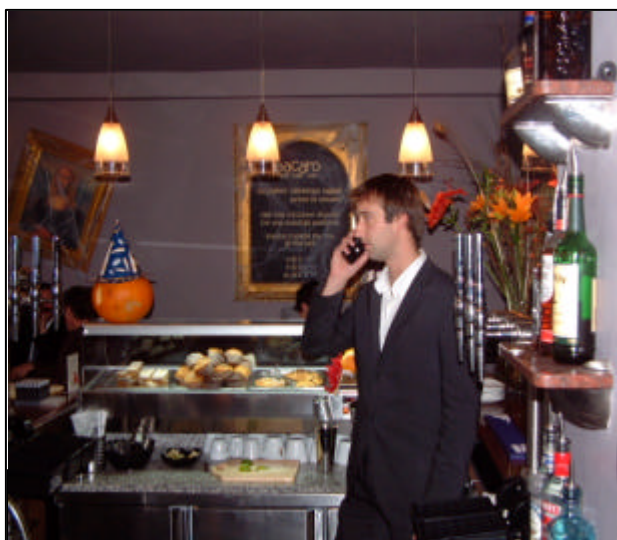
Icom Press Release

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Barbican Unites to tackle crime using Icom Radio Network

Businesses on the Barbican, an important historical and leisure destination in Plymouth, have banded together to set up their own version of the successful Pubwatch scheme using Icom radios.

The project, run in partnership with the police is called BarbicanWatch, and will see pubs and other businesses that sell alcohol linked by a simple radio system. Utilising Icom's IC-F15 handportable radios, the scheme predominantly uses one channel with a second channel reserved for users to contact the CCTV room. Many companies have signed up to the scheme which will allow them to rapidly share information with each other. The idea is that if businesses are forewarned about potential troublemakers, they can then decide whether to allow individuals in. By coming together for the scheme, businesses will also have more power to act as a collective.



The Icom IC-F15 was chosen over two other manufacturer's models for its battery life and wide range

Mathew Perrot, Chairman of the BarbicanWatch committee and Director of Dantien Security said, 'We became involved because we knew that several businesses had radios and we could see the benefit of extending the coverage across the Barbican and involve other businesses.'

He added, 'We needed a system because with the obvious concentration of bars and restaurants there was a rise of antisocial behaviour. Obviously those bars cannot afford high security

costs but they do need to ensure that the wrong type of people do not come onto their premises. The introduction of this radio system allows businesses to communicate with each other to prevent undesirables from entering.'

He went on to say, 'BarbicanWatch has been operating for 8 weeks now and there has been a noticeable improvement and a reduction in the number of times the police have had to be called. Once people have been refused entry to one premise, they are then prevented to enter other peoples premises. Because they have been prevented access to the area, they are then forced to move to other areas.'

Richard Smith, Brand Director of Plymouth Gin and member of the BarbicanWatch committee said, 'The Barbican is the jewel in the crown of Plymouth as far as visitor economy is concerned. There is a perception of the Barbican which is worse than the reality. What we are doing is turning this perception around. We are doing this by using this radio network and advertising this in every shop window with our Barbican Watch stickers.'



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Asked about the performance of the radios, Mathew Parot said, 'The performance of the radios has been outstanding. We tested two other manufacturer's models and the Icom's had the longest battery life and widest range.'

Richard Smith said, 'We are extremely pleased with Ansur Communications for their support of this scheme. Steve has provided a great system at a competitive price and it has allowed us to move more quickly than would have been the case.'

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Corporate background

Icom (UK) Ltd was established in 1974 and is the sole UK and Republic of Ireland importer and distributor for Icom Inc., of Osaka, Japan. Based in Herne Bay, Kent, the company is privately owned with 42 staff.

A comprehensive portfolio of radio transceiver, receiver, navigation and computer products is maintained to suit the consumer, commercial, radio-amateur, marine and aviation markets. Equipment is available in fixed-base, vehicle-mobile and handheld formats to suit a wide range of specifications and applications.

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