Good quality doors and windows are essential. External doors, all windows, cellar flaps, yard gates and doors to outbuildings should be kept locked whenever there is no need for them to be open.

Ensure that your cash registers cannot be operated from the customers’ side of the bar, with all cash emptied and removed regularly after each session. The drawers should be left open when emptied, with charity boxes anchored to the counter and locked away when not in use.

Stocks of wine, spirits and cigarettes should be kept in a secure store within the premises and should be alarmed. Use mortise locks or padlock to secure doors.

Potential burglars may be deterred if it is evident that you have fitted an intruder alarm and or closed circuit television cameras. For further information around burglar alarms and CCTV, visit essex.police.uk/advice/home-security and ico.org.uk.

The vigilance of staff is essential to the security of your premises and should be encouraged to be alert to unusual behaviour or items out of place. Ensure that they are aware and ability to report any suspicions.

For more information about how to keep your business protected and secured, visit: essex.police.uk/letstalk