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From Highlands to Islands

BAGMA sits down with Cameron MacFarlane of Argyll Engineers to discuss the opportunities and challenges of working with a varied customer base that spans the Western Highlands and Isles

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Top tips for deterring and stopping theft



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Sadly, BAGMA members will be all too aware of how desirable handheld garden machinery has become recently for criminals. Theft is not limited to smaller items of equipment, with reports of stolen heavy machinery also a considerable problem and sometimes the result of larger-scale organised crime.

Thefts from dealerships, hire centres, workshops and storage facilities range from smaller handheld power tools, through to ride-on mowers and quad bikes, all the way up to large agricultural tractors and implements.

Thankfully, there are a number of things you can do to make your facility more secure, deterring thieves and preventing property being taken. Common and well-used deterrents include:

- **Intruder Alarms**
- **CCTV**
- **Trackers and Property Marking**
- **Immobilisers**
- **Physical Security**

Criminals typically have a time window of opportunity to target theft before a response arrives. Therefore measures to slow down or impede the theft could be as simple as shackling items together or chaining machinery to a hitch secured to the ground or the fabric of a building. Just making items more difficult to remove can effectively deter theft.

Security fogging has historically helped deter and stop crime in a range of environments, protecting assets across many different sectors including banking, retail, warehousing and domestic property. However, when one sector sees a decrease in crime this often just means activity is displaced to another.

High speed security fog, like that employed in the Fog Bandit system, eliminates the time and opportunity for criminals to target desirable items or physical security. Ultimately, what can't be seen can't be stolen!

When sensors detect an intruder, Fog Bandit's patented high-pressure system instantly delivers a dense, visually impenetrable yet harmless fog, obscuring stock, equipment and other contents from sight and maintaining zero visibility for 30+ minutes. Considerable cost, time and effort can be saved, disruption to business is reduced to a minimum and normal trading can be quickly resumed.

As exclusive distributors of Fog Bandit in the UK and Ireland, Bandit UK are on hand to assist BAGMA members who are interested in protecting their business with free site surveys and, where appropriate, a live demonstration of the Fog Bandit system.

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