

CASE STUDY
SECURITY
SOLUTIONS
FOR RETAIL
PARK STORES



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Securing large scale retail units often requires the ingenuity of our experienced fitters to find creative solutions to the unique challenges that may vary from site to site.

John Lineker, operations manager

PROVIDING A SECURITY SOLUTION FOR VULNERABLE EMPTY RETAIL PARK STORES

It can be challenging to keep stores in retail parks secure as they have large site footprints that include loading bays, extensive car parking, and are often situated in out-of-town remote locations.

The primary concerns for the owners or property managers of empty retail units are illegal occupation, fly-tipping and vandalism as these will incur significant costs, and possibly protracted court cases if prosecutions are pursued.

The large car parks typically associated with stores in retail parks act as a magnet for anti-social behaviour and other criminal activity, with the greatest concern being for fly-tipping and illegal occupation by the travelling community.

The only effective protection here is a physical barrier around the perimeter, without which, access to the associated land is inevitable.

With the primary goal for the owners and managers of vacant retail shop units being to re-let them as soon as possible, it's essential to ensure the highest level of security is in place in order to keep their buildings in the best condition.

HOMEBASE

ToysRUs

SECURING HOMEBASE

When DIY chain Homebase announced the closure of 42 of its stores across the UK, prominently placed retail units were left empty in town and city locations.

Homebase asked us to secure their site in Canterbury. The site needed to be secured quickly as it was deemed to be in a high-risk area where criminal damage and arson had been reported. The large car park was a prime target for travellers to settle and potentially use the empty building to fly-tip waste, so concrete blocks were installed around the perimeter of the car park.

Our tailored solution, designed to overcome the concern of maintaining the condition of the exterior, was to construct bespoke wooden frames that were tied into the building to which we secured steel sheets, thereby minimising the damage when compared to securing the sheets directly onto the building.

In addition to external steel security, we provided a wireless video verified alarm inside the store to detect potential break-ins, and guards to regularly patrol the perimeter.

Clearway's property inspectors attended weekly to check the premises both inside and out for any deterioration of the building due to vandalism or weather damage, and advise the client accordingly.

Canterbury Council were delighted with the result, commenting how our "total security" solution was fully implemented in a short time frame.



SECURING TOYS R US

When Toys R Us, the world's biggest toy store chain, collapsed into administration and announced the closure of all its stores, Clearway was called in to secure these sites as quickly as possible.

Many of the buildings required waste removal of tons of fly-tipped waste. Steel screens were fitted to provide a robust and secure exterior to the large windows, and keyless steel security doors were installed to allow estate agents to carry out viewings for potential new tenants.

Finally, concrete blocks were installed around the perimeter of the car parks, essential for preventing trespassers, squatters and other illegal occupation by vehicles. Security access gates were installed in the concrete perimeter to allow access for specific personnel.

Toys R Us commercial insurers were highly complimentary of the quick and high-standard security solutions we provided for many of the vacant sites.



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