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FUEL SECURITY AT RISK AS RURAL HERTFORDSHIRE CRIME ON THE RISE

Rural energy provider Calor is urging Hertfordshire homeowners living in non-mains gas areas to protect their fuel supply, after new research shows that rural crime in the area has risen by 131.7 per cent¹.

Rural crime cost the UK £44.5million² last year - increasing by 13.4 per cent from the previous year³ - and Hertfordshire was one of the worst affected counties with an annual cost of just under £1 million.

Heating oil is a commonly targeted item, and the onset of winter months and long dark nights provide opportunist thieves the cover of darkness to target oil tanks.

Heating oil is an easy target as the tanks are large, and thieves only need to trespass onto the property, pierce the tank and siphon off the oil. This can result in significant cost – either through repair or replacement of the tank and oil, or environmental damage from oil spillages that require a clean-up.

Matthew Lightburn, Head of Sales at Calor, said: “These statistics demonstrate the seriousness of theft for those living in rural Hertfordshire.

“To truly secure your fuel, consider switching to LPG as gas is virtually impossible to steal, giving you peace of mind. LPG is also very versatile and has all the benefits of being on mains gas, as it can be used for heating, hot water, cooking and gas fires.”

¹ <https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/farming/ruralcrime/>

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For more information on how to secure your fuel by switching to Calor LPG, or renewable BioLPG visit www.calor.co.uk or call 0808 159 7864.

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About Calor Gas

Calor is the UK's leading supplier of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), bringing clean, efficient and modern energy to rural Britain. The company provides gas to some of the two million homes and 350,000 commercial premises located off the mains gas grid, distributed via the UK's largest LPG delivery fleet.

Calor continues to invest in its offering to ensure it provides the best service for its customers, including supply of LPG to homes and businesses and a wide range of appliances such as LPG cookers, BBQs, portable heaters and generators.

Calor has also exclusively launched BioLPG to the UK market, offering a renewable off-grid gas solution to homes and businesses across the country.

Please visit www.calor.co.uk or call 0800 121 7827 for more information.