



Homeowners fear burglars more than bailiffs

Average £1,266 spent on home security, but just one in three people protect mortgage payments

Burglary is the number one threat to their home according to 65% of people polled in a survey for LV=. This compares to less than half (49%) citing mortgage payment problems as a significant threat.

The survey also found that 49% of people believe they are likely to be burgled at some time, while less than four in ten (38%) worry that they may be made redundant. In fact, 284,439 homes were burgled last year (Home Office statistics), whereas unemployment is now around 2.5m people, having risen from 1.825m in July to September period last year.

LV= points out that around half of British homeowners have insurance to cover their possessions, plus people spend, on average £1,250 each on burglar alarms, security lights and other deterrents. However, only 37% of people have any form of insurance to cover their mortgage payments in case they face a sudden loss of income, and less than one in ten has long term income protection.

The research was carried out by **Opinium Research** among 2,007 British adults between 9-12 June.