

# Shutter Up System



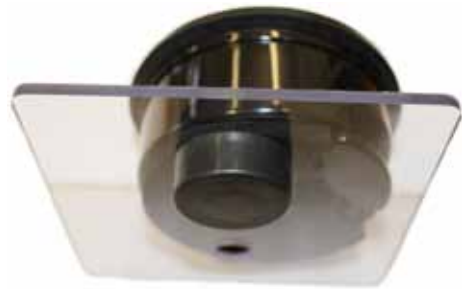
# The Shutter Up System

## Patented Innovation for Protecting Void Properties

The system has been developed over several years to become a complete system for social landlords and local authorities to fit toughened polymer screens to void properties.



Shutter Up is the next generation of void property window and door protection replacing unsightly steel and wooden panels.



The Shutter Up System uses a unique locking mechanism that secures polymer screens to existing windows.

This is a very cost effective way to protect void properties and the Shutter Up System can be removed and is reusable for several years.

The unobtrusive Shutter Up mechanism is also easy to fit, does not affect the warranties of windows and doors and does not impair the aesthetics of the building.

The Shutter Up System was first used by Wansbeck Homes in 2008, who are now in their third successive year of using the system.

Using Shutter Up, Wansbeck Homes have achieved substantial cost savings on void property protection in comparison to the steel screens they rented previously.

Other benefits were noted but a significant success has been on the Scotland Gate Housing Estate where in the past there were several long term voids. Since they have begun using the Shutter Up System, there is now a waiting list for this estate.



## Benefits of Using The Shutter Up System

- **Tenant approval.**
- **Re-let time targets are achieved.**
- **Decent Homes Standard preferred method for screening voids is with polymer.**
- **Quick installation - can be removed as required.**
- **Warranty of windows and doors unaffected.**
- **Reusable for several years.**
- **Improves star rating for using innovative products.**
- **Cost savings over payback period.**
- **Keeps damp out of property compared to steel screens with the sealed units removed.**
- **Minimal skill and training required to complete installation.**
- **Lets natural daylight in for work crews.**
- **Greater savings after payback period as labour is main cost.**
- **Emergency repair service can be provided in-house.**

### Case study - Wansbeck Homes

Spend for steel screens on void properties per annum was £80,000.

Average weekly rate paid for steel screen rental was £26.50 per property.

Wansbeck Homes invested in the Shutter Up System in the summer of 2008 and during the payback period the cost per property to screen with polymer by their own staff was £18.00.

**Please note: Figures kindly provided by Steve Eltringham, Wansbeck Homes Director**



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