

WHY WE NEED STEEL SECURITY DOORS IN HAMILTONHILL

(by Hamiltonhill Action Group)

The GHA has just told Hamiltonhill Action Group they are refusing to spend 8 months of tenants rent back into Hamiltonhill.

In our area, in one year, there were nearly 3000 break-ins, arson attacks, or acts of vandalism against property.

Springburn/North Glasgow Police Statistics	2008	2009
Housebreaking (Domestic)	106	94
Housebreaking (Other)	64	98
Theft	324	324
Vandalism/Fireraising etc.	996	969
TOTAL.	1490	1485

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION: come along!

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* STEEL SECURITY DOORS FOR HAMILTONHILL**

Thursday 24th Sept, 11AM, Granite House, Trongate

(Source: Strathclyde Police) These type of crimes, constitute around 17% of all crime in the area.

In Hamiltonhill statistics show there are 1,441 criminal incidents per 10,000 people in the population; on Great Western Road a similar area (working class tenements) of the West End, there were 420 criminal incidents per 10,000 of the population. (Source: Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics)

You are three and half times less likely to suffer from crime if you live a mile down the road from us.

That means that if you live in Springburn or Possilpark area you are **three and half times** more likely to suffer from break-ins, arson and vandalism in your home.

The majority of victims of house break-ins will lose at least £100 in goods thieved from their homes. One in nine victims will lose over £500.

On the 14th of September (fully two months since we wrote to the GHA – we needed to file an official complaint before the landlord bothered themselves to give us an answer), the GHA told us:-



“[T]here are no plans to to replace the current doors with steel doors.”

(disgraced GHA boss Taroub Zahran)

GHA have claimed that break-ins can be cut by up to 75% by the addition of secured by design steel doors.

We know that given the very high rate of crime in the area thousands of pounds are being lost from the area to housebreak-ins and vandalism every year. We already know that our neighbourhood is a poor one. We live it. GHA refuse to consider this a problem. They are however happy to take steps to address these issues in other areas (the flagship ones they show off for the positive news headlines in the Evening Times), while they continue to claim rental income from ours, despite the obvious need. This is unfair.

We know from the GHA that fitting the doors will cost the landlord around 8 months of the rental income that they take from sitting tenants in Hamiltonhill. For want of just eight months rent our community remains under siege from housebreak-ins and thousands of pounds are being robbed. We can't fix the world with steel doors. There are long term issues facing our community that need longterm solutions. But right now we can take steps to stop working class people from feeling under attack every day, and living in fear.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CASE.

Write to martin.armstrong@gha.org.uk, & Audrey.Murphy@gha.org.uk; state that you support our case for steel doors.

ATTEND our demonstration to put pressure on the GHA: **Thursday 24th Sept, 11AM, Granite House, Trongate**