

Say goodbye to squatters,  
protestors and activists



The Sheriffs Office<sup>®</sup>  
We recover more for you

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Political protests are nothing new. But if it is your property or land that is occupied, the combination of significant damage and interruption to your business can be disastrous. And some occupiers go to extreme lengths to prevent removal.

Since squatting in residential premises was criminalised, commercial premises are being actively targeted by squatters, some looking for somewhere to live, others protesting against development plans.

Whatever the circumstances, from a small peaceful squat to a large-scale protest, The Sheriffs Office will quickly and efficiently remove them and restore the property or land back to you, the rightful owner.



## With authority

As authorised High Court Enforcement Officers (HCEOs), we normally act under a writ of possession. We will transfer your County Court order for possession to the High Court for enforcement – we make no charge for this service, all you pay is the fixed court fee.

In some circumstances, we may be able to remove persons unknown from land under Common Law, where no court order is required.

## The eviction experts

Our highly skilled team has a wealth of experience in dealing with a wide range of eviction situations:

- Squatters and activists in commercial properties, including pubs, warehouses and retail premises
- Protesters in public spaces
- Travellers (acting on behalf of local authorities)
- Environmentalists and eco warriors
- Inaccessible sites, such as those underground or only reachable by water or from above
- Boats moored without permission
- Compulsory purchase orders - for redevelopments, motorways, train routes etc

No matter how small or large the scale of the occupation, we can help.

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## Nothing left to chance

We conduct a risk assessment for every eviction. This allows us to plan the eviction and know what resources we will need, in terms of officers, equipment and Police support.

Activists and protestors will often go to extreme lengths to prevent removal, including tunnelling, climbing trees and roofs, locking themselves onto buildings, as well as setting booby traps for the enforcement officers. We have even removed protestors locked in buried containers.

After the risk assessment, we will know the full picture and which specialist team members and equipment will be needed to manage these scenarios.

## Post eviction

If your property or land has been occupied, we can help you clear the site of debris, including:

- Property clearance and cleaning
- General waste and fly-tipping
- Hazardous waste material
- Pest control

We can also secure the site to prevent re-entry, either by the same group or others.

If you have any concern that your site might be targeted, we can advise on and supply the security measures you need to deter even the most determined.

We provide a full security service, including:

- Security personnel, dog teams and physical guarding, all licensed by the Security Industry Authority (SIA)
- Security screens, doors and fencing
- CCTV equipment and monitoring (permanent and temporary)
- Alarm systems, monitoring and response
- Vacant property services and inspections
- Concrete barriers

## About The Sheriffs Office

We are a leading firm of authorised High Court Enforcement Officers (HCEO) and Certificated Enforcement Agents covering all of England and Wales.

It all started in the late 1970s as The Sheriffs Office in Northampton, dealing only with High Court writs within the county of Northamptonshire. With the Courts Act in 2004, Sheriffs Officers were renamed High Court Enforcement Officers and the restrictive geographical boundaries were dropped.

Since then The Sheriffs Office has gone from strength to strength, growing year on year to become one of the top four HCEO firms with significant market share.

Underpinning our success is our focus on client service and a comprehensive "end to end" range of specialist services for the recovery of debt, property and land.

## A range of services for everyone

The Sheriffs Office provides the full range of High Court Enforcement and related services for individuals, sole traders, business of all sizes, landlords, commercial agents, local authorities and solicitors acting on behalf of clients.

### Money judgments

- High Court enforcement
- Employment tribunal award
- Debtor tracing
- European judgment
- Debt collection

### Property and land

- Eviction
- Security
- Repossession
- Rent collection
- Equine impoundment

## The Sheriffs Are Coming

The Sheriffs Office is the HCEO firm featured in this hit BBC programme, winner of the Broadcast Awards 2014 Best Daytime Programme.

## Supporting the environment

We participate in a Carbon Offsetting project run by Carbon Footprint Ltd which is planting trees in Kenya to support local communities in the Great Rift Valley, so as to reduce poverty and provide habitats for wildlife, including lions!

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If you would like to find out more about our eviction and security services, please call us today on

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