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Welcome to this edition of **Property Matters News Flash.**
News Flash publications will be used to communicate important time sensitive property-related updates and other information that we need to bring to your attention in between the normal Property Matters Newsletter publications.

Meet the Property Support Team

Protective Security Scheme for Faith Communities: Applications now open

The Home Office's Protective Security Scheme for Faith Communities, formerly known as the Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme, is now open for applications.

The scheme provides fully funded physical security measures to eligible places of worship and associated faith community centres that have experienced hate crime or feel vulnerable to it.

Available measures include:

- CCTV
- Secure fencing and gates
- Stronger doors and locks
- Window protection
- Intruder alarms
- Entry systems, including keypads, fobs and intercoms
- External lighting
- Secure mailboxes

The **application portal is open until 21 December 2026**. Eligible sites can apply via the Home Office application portal, here.

Applicant support sessions

The Home Office will host drop-in sessions and workshops to explain the application process, outline what successful applications look like and give applicants an opportunity to ask questions.

The sessions will take place on:

- **Monday 9 November 2026, 13:00–14:00**
- **Tuesday 17 November 2026, 14:00–15:00**
- **Wednesday 2 December 2026, 15:00–16:00**

To register, email psvc@homeoffice.gov.uk.

For full details of the scheme, including eligibility criteria, the application process and supporting guidance, visit the Protective Security Scheme for Faith Communities guidance on GOV.UK.

This is all for this edition of Property Matters News Flash.

Your usual Property Matters Newsletter will land in your inbox soon filled with lots of valuable information, tips and inspirational stories from around the Connexion.

In the meantime, to view the most current edition of Property Matters, please refer to the Property pages on the website.

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