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## Changes to the MLA Board of Directors

Following their recent AGM the revised board of directors for the Master Locksmiths Association has been announced.

The changes include Nigel Rose being appointed as Chairman (with Geoff Turner moving to Vice Chairman) as well as the appointment of four new directors; Roger Barratt, Brian Philpott, Colin Rose and Tony Ward following the conclusion of previous directors tenures.

Commenting on the recent changes Nigel said "I look forward to working with the new board and carrying on the excellent work done so far and would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing directors; Jack Tunks, Peter Wosahlo, Lewis Beadle and John Harding for all their hard work."

"With the lack of any movement on the licensing situation from a government stance this must be the time to start promoting our own licensing" he added.

The MLA licenses its approved companies by carrying out strict vetting and regular assessments whilst also ensuring that a qualified locksmith is employed. The MLA approved company logo is seen as a quality mark for those locksmiths who have achieved the high standard of entry and provides peace of mind to the end customers.

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## Notes to Editors

## About the MLA

The Master Locksmiths Association is a non-profit making body; established to set and promote standards of conduct, practice and materials within the locksmithing industry. It encourages its members to further their knowledge through ongoing education, regional meetings, seminars, its membership magazine Keyways and its website. Standards of entry to the MLA are rigorous and high (including CRB checks and inspections), and its ethos of "Skill and Integrity" exists to ensure that the public, government and industry receive the appropriate service and advice on security matters provided by its members. Created in 1958, the MLA became a limited company in 1986 and now the membership, currently standing at over 1400, is world-wide. The MLA is now the leading trade association for the locksmithing industry and is recognised as the authoritative body for locksmithing by the Police, the Home Office, the British Standards Institute, Association of British Insurers (ABI) and Building Research Establishment (BRE) amongst others. The MLA also offers a full suite of training courses to the trade, held at their purpose built training facility at their headquarters in Daventry. Sold Secure, the leading independent security test and validation laboratory is a wholly owned subsidiary of the MLA.

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