

Scam Phone Call Alert

Dear Derek



We are, once again, getting reports from across the county of scammers calling people by phone and pretending to be from the Tax Office (HMRC) or even the police. These calls are sometimes made in person and sometimes an automated message. Both will claim you owe money due to non-payment of taxes or there is an outstanding warrant for your arrest. They all end up with people being asked to pay cash to stop further action being taken.

The different thing about some of these recent calls is the scammers appear to have been able to clone genuine numbers, so, if you call 1471, the call seems to have come from a legitimate source. However, whatever the number, our advice is clear – no government organisation or police force will ever call you saying there is warrant for your arrest and you have to pay money over the phone. If anyone does, it's a scam! If you are ever unsure, put the phone down, make sure the line has fully cleared and then call the genuine organisation back and check.

If you want to report any scam call you can contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or go online at the website.

We've had reports from across the county recently including Blackpool, Blackburn and Appley Bridge in West Lancs. Please use the share button below to forward this message or share on Facebook/Twitter and, if you know anyone older or vulnerable, make sure they know to never give personal details over the phone, including bank details, and never to be persuaded to make payments of this nature. Thanks for your help!

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Andy Crook (Police, Digital Media Officer, Lancashire)



Would You Know What To Do In An Emergency?

Dear Derek

In the unlikely event of an emergency in Lancashire, would you know what to do? Whatever the answer, we'd recommend you download, and have a look at, the Lancashire Resilience Forum's new 'Preparing for Emergencies' booklet here <https://www.stayintheknow.co.uk/Documents/PreparingForEmergenciesBooklet.pdf>

There's lots of practical tips and advice on how to protect yourself and prepare for a range of scenarios from bad weather and flooding to a loss of essential services or an industrial accident.

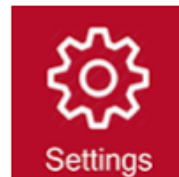
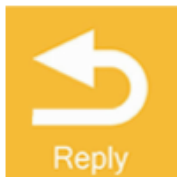
The Resilience Forum is a group of organisations, including us at the police, who have the responsibility for planning for, and keeping everyone safe during, an emergency in Lancashire. If you want to know more about its work, visit www.stayintheknow.co.uk and choose the Emergency Info option.

Please share this alert with anyone who would find it useful and, as always, thanks for your support!

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Cycle Thefts Morecambe

Dear Sir, Madam

On 8th August 2019 we received a number of calls from businesses on the White Lund industrial estate stating that they had disturbed 3 males stealing/attempting to steal bikes from their staff storage sheds. Some of the bikes were insecure whilst others had been removed using bolt croppers. The offenders were not perturbed by staff members shouting at them or highlighting the fact they were being recorded.

We have circulated images of the suspects via our social media pages. If you have any information that may help with our investigation please contact PC 3399 Dyson via email 3399@lancashire.pnn.police.uk, 101 or www.lancashire.police.uk using the contact an officer form.

Furthermore, we would like to remind you of the importance of using a high quality cycle lock. Whilst traditional cable locks may seem a suitable deterrent, incidents like these highlight the ease with which some of these can be removed using bolt croppers. D Locks/U Locks are harder to remove and provide higher levels of security for your bike. When applying the locks remember the following:-

- apply the lock to an immovable object
- always lock the frame (not just the wheel) to the immovable object
- keep the lock as far from the ground as possible
- avoid locking around the top tube
- make the lock as difficult to access as possible
- fill as much of the U as possible
- where possible, secure your bike in an area with high footfall/CCTV

Regards

Sgt 3577 Rachel Crossley

Message Sent By

Rachel Crossley (Police, Sgt, WEST - Wyre)



Custody Detention Officer Recruitment

Dear Derek

Re: Custody detention officer recruitment

Are you interested in a police staff role as a custody detention officer?

Lancashire Police have organised a couple of formal presentation events so that you can find out about the role and the recruitment process. These events are aimed at potential applicants and are by ticket only. Visit www.lancashire.police.uk/join-us/police-staff-roles/custody-detention-officers/ To get your ticket follow the relevant eventbrite link.

Blackpool-14th August - The Village Hotel, Blackpool FY3 8LL

<https://cdo-blackpool.eventbrite.com>

Burnley – 20th August – Adult Learning Centre, Brierfield, BB9 5NH

<https://cdo-burnley.eventbrite.com>

Both events will run from 6.30pm-8pm with the presentation starting at 6.45pm prompt.

Please see attached poster for further details about the above events.

Many Thanks

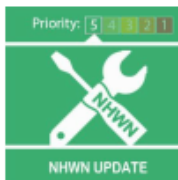
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Clare Walker (Police, PCSO, WEST - Blackpool)



Landmark Neighbourhood Watch Cybercrime Survey Launched

Help us understand the impact of cybercrime and be in with a chance to win £50 worth of M&S vouchers

Neighbourhood Watch has today launched a landmark new survey to understand the impact of cybercrime on communities across England and Wales.

Traditionally Neighbourhood Watch has been focused on keeping people safe in the places they live but with the advent of new technology, it's clear people can be at their most vulnerable when they occupy online spaces.

Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre run by the City of London Police, revealed that last year cybercrime victims lost £28m to online criminals. It reports more than 12,000 cases of cybercrime every six months.

With the threat from online criminals only ever increasing, it is essential we understand the impact this type of crime has on members as well as their understanding and perception of cybercrime.

The survey, designed in conjunction with cybersecurity company Avast, takes just 10 minutes to complete and one lucky responder will be in with a chance to win £50 worth of Marks and Spencer vouchers.

The survey can be completed via the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/nw_cybercrime

It would be great if you could share the survey with other Neighbourhood Watch members particularly those who have been victims of cybercrime.

This news story on our website can be shared with friends, family and neighbours or on your social media profiles: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/landmark-cybercrime-survey-launched/>

Kindest regards,
**Central Support Team,
Neighbourhood Watch Network**



Fraudsters Targeting Social Media Influencers

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Be Aware

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has received intelligence to suggest that fraudsters are contacting social media influencers, based in the UK and abroad, offering them the opportunity to market a bogus product, service or investment opportunity.

Fraudsters will present professional and credible pitches to the social media influencers and try to convince them to feature the opportunity for a fee on their social media profiles in order to entice unsuspecting followers of the influencer to sign up or make a purchase.

Additionally, fraudsters are using the names of well-known public figures, implying that their opportunity or product is endorsed by the figure when it is not.

The public should be aware that any apparent endorsement by celebrities, influencers or personalities does not necessarily mean that an investment, product or service is genuine. The public is urged to exercise a cautious approach to any such offer of investment, product or service with the same caution they would at any other time.

What You Need To Do

- If you are purchasing goods from a company you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, or ask friends or family for advice before completing a purchase.
- Professional-looking websites, adverts or social media posts do not guarantee that an investment opportunity or product is genuine. Criminals can exploit the names of well-known brands or individuals to make them appear legitimate.
- Avoid paying for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person or company. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud. Instead, use your credit card or payment services such as PayPal as they offer you greater protection if you become a victim of fraud.



Criminals Targeting People With Universal Credit Scam

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Dear subscriber,

Action Fraud has received 63 reports about a scam in which fraudsters target people with offers of “low cost” loans or “free” government grants. What the victims aren’t told is that the money they’ll receive is actually an advance payment for Universal Credit. The criminals use the personal information they’ve obtain under false pretences to make an application in the victim’s name. After the fraudsters have taken their “fee” from the advance payment, the victim is then left to pay back the total amount once their repayments begin.

How you can protect yourself:

- Never share your personal or financial information with someone you don’t know and trust, especially if it’s in response to an offer of “free money” or a “free grant”.
- Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) staff will never approach you in the street or ask for your personal/financial details over social media.
- If you have concerns about your benefits, you should visit www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus
- If you suspect your identity may have been stolen, you can check your credit rating quickly and easily online. You should do this every few months anyway, using a reputable service provider and following up on any unexpected or suspicious results.



Commissioners Fund Supports Lancaster Community Hub

I recently visited Skerton Community Centre to hear first-hand how the investment I provided through my Community Action Fund has benefitted the area, with new CCTV installed to tackle crime in the area, and reassure those who use this hub of activity feel safer.

There had been a number of incidents including theft, anti-social behaviour and damage to some cars which had raised concerns. The centre applied to my Community Action Fund earlier in the year and I provided almost £2,300 towards the installation of a state-of-the-art CCTV system with 9 cameras providing reassurance to those using and traveling to the centre.

It was great to understand the difference this has already made as building safe, confident communities and tackling crime and reoffending are key priorities in my Police and Crime Plan.

For more details about the Community Action Fund, including funding criteria and how to apply, visit the CAF section of my website.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Grunshaw

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Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, Lancashire)

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