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Dear all

A combined bulletin this week as not a huge amount to report. (I hope this is good news!)

### **Messages from Hampshire Police**

- Your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be out and about during the month of October, concentrating on areas of repeat-reported crimes. Some of their priorities include 'theft from motor vehicles', 'crime at beauty spots', 'theft of fuel and oil', deer and game poaching and hare coursing.

We are spreading the word about this through beat surgeries and patrols to rural areas, farms and car parks.

If you have any questions or would like further information about this please contact; [Kathryn.morning@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Kathryn.morning@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

- Wiltshire Police have reported a rise in the number of people receiving unsolicited calls from individuals purporting to be police officers, and Hampshire residents should remain vigilant too. This cruel scam takes place in order to gain valuable personal information about the victim. Police Officers from any force will never call you and ask for banking details or enquire about your finances. If you receive such a call, please report it to 101 and Action Fraud as soon as possible.

## **Warning from Trading Standards**

**Hampshire Trading Standards would like residents to be alert to cold callers at the door and/or on the telephone offering to supply spray foam insulation for lofts. The caller may make false claims such as they are working for or on behalf of local authorities, or that they work with Trading Standards.**

They may make exaggerated claims about the merits of the foam and its ability to prevent heat loss, also about the savings that can be achieved balanced against the cost of installation. Claims that existing glass fibre insulation no longer meet current regulations are untrue.

Although in some cases spray foam insulation can be effective, it can also cause problems if incorrectly applied, and is often unnecessary. One of the main problems can be lack of ventilation to the roof space, which can cause condensation and damp. Often the wooden roof beams are encased in foam, this can cause the wood to rot inside the foam.

Once applied the foam is almost impossible to remove without damaging the roof. Therefore it is important to research the suitability of the foam for the property before having it installed. The resale value of the property may be affected if the foam is unsuitable.

The National Insulation Association (NIA) represents the insulation industry in the United Kingdom and have a code of professional practice that all members agree to follow. It is recommended that you always use an [NIA installer](#) or by calling 08451 636363.

For further information on energy savings you can contact the [Energy Savings Trust](#) on 0300 123 1234

**Trading Standards advise consumers not to agree to work that is instigated as a result of a cold call or via a leaflet drop.** Consumers should obtain at least 3 written quotes from reputable businesses or traders who are either members of the Hampshire County Council Trading Standards

Buy With Confidence Scheme or a recognised trade association.

Members of the Buy With Confidence scheme are fully audited to ensure their trading practices are legal, honest and fair. All members have been checked for trustworthiness and compliance with consumer protection laws. Details can be obtained by telephoning 01962 833620, emailing [buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk](mailto:buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk) or via the website [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)

Traders who agree work at the home of an individual or at a place other than their usual business premises are required by law to provide consumers with a Notice of Right to Cancel, which gives consumers a 14 day cooling off period from the date the work starts. So, legally, you may have the right to cancel even though work has commenced..

If anyone has any information about traders who are cold calling or requires any advice on doorstep crime they can contact Hampshire County Council's

**Quick Response Team on 01962 833666**

(Monday – Friday 0900hrs to 1700hrs)

where specially trained officers are on hand to provide advice.

If assistance is required outside of these hours please contact Hampshire Police on their **non-urgent number 101** or dial **999** if you feel threatened or intimidated.

**Theft of Vehicle – Kings Worthy**

Between 22.25 and 22.40 on Sunday 18th September, a Subaru Impreza was stolen from a driveway on Cundell Way in Kings Worthy. A small hatchback vehicle was seen parked outside the property and four males, all wearing hoodies, were seen exiting this vehicle before forcing the driver's door of the Subaru and pushing it off the driveway and down the road.

Did you see this hatchback vehicle parked on Cundell Way?

Did you witness the males push the Subaru down Cundell Way between the stated times?

If you can help the Police identify these individuals or the hatchback vehicle, please phone 101 quoting crime reference 44160354164.

The Police suspect the Subaru Impreza will be used to commit crime in the Winchester Rural area and surrounding areas. If you see this vehicle, please phone 101.

The vehicle is white with a black bonnet, with a registration number of P254 LTF.

### **Garage break-in – Itchen Abbas**

Between 11.00 hours on 28/09/16 and 07.30 hours on 29/09/16, entry has been gained to a garage in Itchen Down, Itchen Abbas. The unknown offenders have forced open the wooden garage doors and stolen various items including gardening equipment and a black and green Boardman Mountain bike.

Did you see or hear anything suspicious? If so, please phone 101 quoting crime reference 44160368078.

Please click here for the latest crime prevention information from Hampshire Constabulary: <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/advice-and-information/crime-prevention/safer-homes>

### **Inheritance Fraud – Warning from Action Fraud**

Inheritance fraud usually occurs when you are told that someone very rich has died and you are in line to receive a huge inheritance. A fraudster who claims to be a Business Relations Manager from an overseas bank or legal

official contacts you through email or a letter stating that a person sharing your family name has died and left behind a vast amount of money. The fraudster suggests that as you share the same family name as the deceased, you can be the beneficiary of the estate and rather than handing any 'Inheritance Tax' over to the government you can split the inheritance with the fraudster.

The fraudster will emphasise the need for secrecy and warn you not to tell anyone else about the deal. To hurry you into making a hasty decision, they will also stress the need to act quickly.

If you respond to the fraudster, they will ask you to pay various fees – for example: taxes, legal fees, banking fees etc. – so they can release your non-existent inheritance. Each time you make a payment, the fraudsters will come up with a reason why the inheritance cannot be paid out unless you make another payment. If you ask, they will also give you reasons why the fees cannot be taken from your inheritance and have to be paid up front.

If you become reluctant to pay a fee or suggest you cannot afford it, the fraudsters will put pressure on you by reminding you how close you are to receiving a sum of money much greater than the fees you've already handed over, and of how much you've already paid out. The fraudsters may also ask for your bank details so they can pay the inheritance directly into your bank account. If you hand over your bank details, the fraudsters can use them to empty your account.

#### **You could be a victim of inheritance fraud if:**

- You've received an email or letter informing you that someone you may be related to has died without leaving a will and you may be in line to inherit.
- You've paid fees to 'research specialists' who offer to sell you an estate report that includes information on the inheritance and how you can claim it.

#### **What should you do if you're a victim of inheritance fraud?**

- End all further contact with the fraudsters. Don't send them any more money. Don't give them your bank details.

- If you have already given the fraudsters your bank account details, alert your bank immediately.
- If you receive any threats from the fraudsters once you have stopped co-operating with them, alert the police immediately.
- Be aware that you're now likely to be a target for other frauds. Fraudsters often share details about people they have successfully targeted or approached, using different identities to commit further frauds. People who have already fallen victim to fraudsters are particularly vulnerable to the fraud recovery fraud. This is when fraudsters contact people who've already lost money through fraud and claim to be law enforcement officers or lawyers. They'll advise the victim that they can help them recover their lost money – but request a fee.

### **Protect yourself against inheritance fraud**

- Although there are legitimate companies who make a living by tracking down heirs, they do not do it in this way. If you are asked for a fee for a report, it is very likely to be bogus.
- Letters/documents provided by the fraudsters are generally badly written. Look out for spelling mistakes and poor grammar.
- Beware if you are asked to contact a webmail address such as @Yahoo or @Hotmail. As a rule, legitimate law firms do not use them.
- As in most cases of fraud, if the promise seems too good to be true, it most probably is.

If you have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

Kind regards,

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