

NHW BULLETIN 04-03-10

To all Neighbourhood watch members.

Please be aware of 3 males that are currently circulating Crawley, offering Gas and Electricity. This is being offered to households that are on pre paid meters.

The males are giving £50 worth of utility for £25.

No further details are known of the males etc.

If you are offered this please do not accept and give details of males to the Police via the non emergency number 0845 60 70 999.

To all Neighbourhood Watch Members.

Please be aware of a possible scam involving people that state they are from Zenith

Windows. We have been told that residents have been approached by a female

driving a slate grey BMW asking to take photos of properties that they would like to

use in future brochures. Suspicion was raised as the person said that Zenith windows

were used in the property some time ago which the resident can confirm is not the

case.

The resident was asked for her phone number, because if the photos are used money would be won.

Please do not give personal details out to strangers and always asked for identification.

Regards

Neighbourhood Policing Team

VISA/MASTERCARD SCAM

Please be aware that there is a number of VISA/MASTERCARD SCAM emails and facebook messages going around at the moment.

If you receive a phone call from someone trying to verify your card number on the phone, tell the caller that you will call VISA or MASTERCARD directly for verification or their conversation. Never disclose the 3 digit number on the back of your card.

Report any suspicious calls to your bank straight away.

Kind regards

Loen Jenkin

PCSO (Police Community Support Officer - 21929)

Dear Colleagues

This message is being sent out to all NHW Coordinators from Police HQ in Lewes. The following has been brought to our attention by a fellow Coordinator:

"I don't know if this is of any interest to you but yesterday someone rang us to say we had a serious problem with our computer. He said he was from Microsoft. My husband kept him talking while he turned our computer off. The chap told him that to solve the problem he should type PREFETCH UNWANTED in "Run" in the "Start" program. My husband took no notice of what the man had to say and hung up. When he checked up on Google he found, as expected, that this was a scam of some sort."

We have checked with our IS department and this entry will bring up a display of files which, at a first glance, indicates lots of errors. It would appear these callers use this image to frighten people, encouraging them to give remote access to their computer to fix and in some cases charge for their service. These are totally random calls. The purpose of the call is to give them access to any information on your PC.

Regards

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