



The East Sussex Against Scams Partnership Bulletin

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Community Safety remains a key priority within East Sussex

The Safer Communities Partnership, which involves a range of agencies, is the key strategic partnership in overseeing the community safety agenda and is committed to ensuring East Sussex remains a safe place for residents and visitors. The East Sussex Against Scams Partnership (ESASP) is one of its areas of work.



This Bulletin provides links to a selection of articles, scams alerts, graphics and social media messaging which Charter Partners may wish to share more widely in their help to raise awareness about scams / fraud amongst East Sussex residents.

We now have **81** organisations helping in this vital community engagement work. Can you help us reach **100**? If so, introduce me via email. Latest partners include:

Chanctonbury Healthcare
East Dean & Friston Community Watch
Eastbourne Downlands Computer Club
Hastings & St Leonards Seniors' Forum
High Weald Lewes Havens CCG
Meridian Mature Citizens Forum

Promedica24 live-in care West central
Kent & North Wealden
Rother Seniors' Forum
Seaford Seniors' Forum
Wealden Senior Citizens' Partnership
Yew Tree Stone Ltd

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Key messages to share in your comms:

- **Scams are fraud, and fraud is a crime** so we should not be ignoring them – report them to Sussex Police 101 or Action Fraud. Help prevent others from falling victim to criminals.
- **Anyone** can be a scam victim – irrespective of age, gender, education or financial background.
- It is estimated scams cost the UK economy between **£5bn - £10bn** per annum.

Sign up to receive these useful fraud and scam alerts and newsletters:

Sussex Police – Operation Signature: [Fraud Newsletter](#) – March 2018

Neighbourhood Alerts [“In the Know”](#) – Surrey and Sussex

Some recent interesting short reads and links for sharing:

- [Action Fraud: Fraudsters claiming to be bailiffs tricking people into paying fake debts](#)
- [Action Fraud: New pilot programme to combat scams targeting older Londoners with Age UK](#)
- [Action Fraud: reports lead to football ticket fraudster being jailed](#)
- [Action Fraud: Royal Mail stops 3 million fraudulent letters](#)
- [BBC News: Fraudsters jailed for £37m copycat web scam](#)
- [BTC Manager.com: 7 Bitcoin scams you need to be aware of](#)
- [Cifas: New data reveals young people increasingly at risk of fraud](#)
- [Home Instead: Senior Fraud Protection Toolkit](#)
- [Met Police: Little Book of Scams \(4th Edition\)](#)
- [Nat West: the eight money scams to be aware of in 2018](#)
- [Nationwide: research carried out earlier this year has identified that people experiencing loneliness and isolation are four times more likely to fall victim of a scam.](#)
- [Take Five to stop fraud, various resources](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre: safety features on popular social networks](#)
- [Trading Standards: download and print the No Cold Calling Door Sticker](#)



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Dates for the diary:

The national Citizens Advice Scams Awareness month will be **June**.

- 1) It would be great to show pictorially that ESASP Charter Partners are supporting scams awareness activities. Print and adapt the A4 template on the webpage and send through your photo of staff/volunteers/members asap – with your organisation name, logo or ESCC team name.



With Trading Standards, we are compiling a list of scams-related events and activities being held in June. Please email elaine.bowdery@eastsussex.gov.uk if you are doing anything to direct the general public towards (eg shop window displays, newsletter or internet articles, village fetes where materials can be handed out etc).



Visit the [Friends Against Scams website](#) for public sessions:

Thursday 17 May – Polegate

Tuesday 22 May – Crowborough

Thursday 14 June – Pevensey

If your organisation would like a refresher session during June, and you could gather together a minimum of 15 people, please let me know.

If sufficient interest, I could run some public sessions too, if you could provide a venue and white wall/screen.

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Graphics to use / share in your comms:

Remember to follow / like the Safer East Sussex Team and quote **#ESxASP** in your

comms so I can track your scams-related messages:



For support and advice on scams (eg rogue traders, romance scams, scam mail, telephone calls, text messages, emails), call Citizens Advice on **0345 40 40 506**

If you are concerned about financial abuse speak to Health and Social Care Connect on **0345 60 80 191**

For a non-emergency response (if you have been a victim of a fraud/scam), call Sussex Police on **101**

If you have been affected by crime, get emotional and practical help from Victim Support on **0808 168 9274**

To report a fraud, or suspected fraud, and share information to help stop others from becoming victims, call Action Fraud **0300 123 2040**



Thanks to everyone for their support in helping to protect East Sussex communities by raising awareness about scams / fraud.



Ps. If you are interested in other topics affecting community safety eg modern slavery, human trafficking, County Lines, cuckooing, substance misuse, offending, Prevent etc – then sign up to receive Safer East Sussex Team's newsletters.

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