



The East Sussex Against Scams Partnership Bulletin

November 2018

Community Safety remains a key priority within East Sussex

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



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**



**Please
share
these
useful
scams
contact
numbers**

We are pleased to announce that **105** organisations are helping to raise awareness about the impact of scams/fraud in the county. Please share this newsletter to help with this work.



New ESASP Charter Partners



**Dominica Court Residents Association
Eastbourne Talking Newspaper Association
Hastings & St Leonards Dementia Action Alliance
Hastings Lions Club**

**Rainbow Alliance (Hastings & Rother)
Rotary Club of Eastbourne
Southdown Housing
Spectrum IFA Limited**

Visit [here](#) to find out more details about the East Sussex Against Scams Partnership and /or contact sam.harman@eastsussex.gov.uk to find out how your organisation could help raise awareness



A personal “au revoir” message from Elaine Bowdery

“Thanks to everyone who is supporting the ESASP project by holding Friends Against Scams awareness sessions, publishing articles and press releases, hosting display stand events, organising talks, and / or sharing social media messages.

I’m very pleased to have had the opportunity of meeting and working with you over the last couple of years but unfortunately am leaving the Council. In my role as a SCAMchampion, I may still be available to do the odd FAS session but, in the first instance, please email my colleague Sam Harman (sam.harman@eastsussex.gov.uk).

I’ve outlined below where you should continue to go for scams-related information which can be shared with your friends, family, neighbours, members and volunteers.

Remember you can continue to check the [Friends Against Scams website](#) to find public awareness sessions being run in East Sussex. Best wishes. Elaine”

To continue receiving scams-related messages for sharing more widely, sign up to:

1. Sussex Police – Operation Signature monthly newsletters on scams / fraud in Sussex.

Email: commsrequests@sussex.pnn.police.uk

View October’s: <https://sussex.police.uk/media/8754/fraud-newsletter-october-2018.pdf>

Topics include:

- What is number spoofing?
- Fake calls from ‘Virgin Media’

2. East Sussex Trading Standards Service newsletter, sign up [here](#)

3. Neighbourhood Watch Alerts “In the Know” – sign up [here](#); e-newsletter ‘[Our News](#)’

4. Action Fraud Alerts – sign up [here](#)

5. UK Safer Internet [newsletter](#)

6. National Trading Standards Scams Team – check [this page](#) regularly for up-to-date scams

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Use social media in your organisation?

Please follow / like the following so you can keep up-to-date and share scams-related messages:



@actionfrauduk
@ESCC_TS
@AgainstScams
@GetSafeOnline
@SaferEastSx
@sussex_police
@TakeFive
@UK_SIC

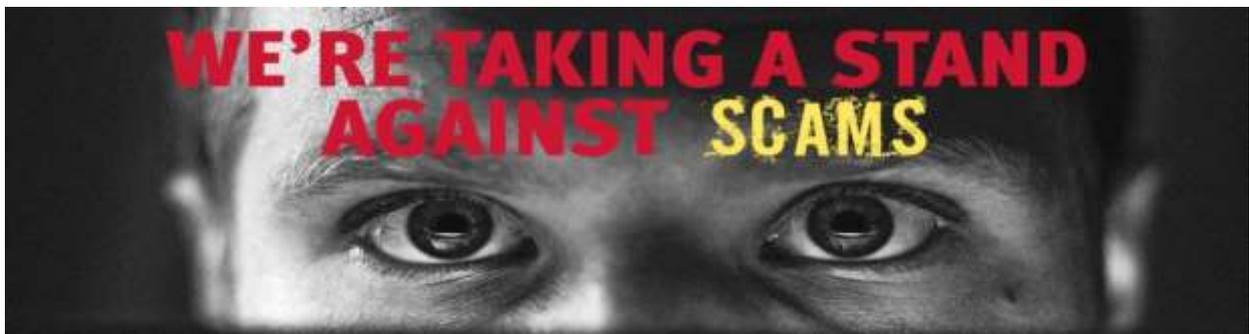
Organisation

Action Fraud
East Sussex Trading Standards Service
Friends Against Scams
Get Safe Online
Safer East Sussex Team
Sussex Police
Take Five
UK Safer Internet Centre



@actionfraud
@ESCCTradingStandards
@Friends Against
@GetSafeOnline
@SaferEastSussexTeam
@sussexpoliceforce
@TakeFiveStopFraud
@saferinternetuk

And, in your social media messaging / re-tweets, please remember to use hashtag: **#scamaware**



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Key websites and some recent articles and links for sharing:

- [Action Fraud](#): report scams here
- [Bogus Overseas Officers](#)
- [Distraction Burglary Prevention Advice](#)
- [Extortion scam](#)
- [Fake British Gas emails](#)
- [Fake Netflix emails](#)
- [Fake TV licensing refund offers](#)
- [Get Safe Online](#): free useful advice
- [Receiving scam mail? Become a scam marshal](#)
- [Reports of frauds on the elderly are 'tip of iceberg'](#)
- [Safer Internet Day - 5 February 2019](#)
- [Sussex Neighbourhood Watch and Sussex Police sign Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- [Take Five](#): some hugely helpful advice about all sorts of scams

East Sussex Trading Standards becomes a Friends Against Scams organisation



To find out whether your organisation could also sign up to this national initiative, please visit [here](#). Remember to sign up to the Trading Standards newsletter to receive information about rogue traders / doorstep scams.

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 contact lucy.spencer@eastsussex.gov.uk to be added to the e-newsletter distribution list.