



SCAM CARE AWARENESS MESSAGE (SCAM) ALERT SERVICE

September 2020

What's New?

- Individuals are currently receiving messages through Facebook from friends/family requesting to use their Paypal account to receive funds from sales of items on Ebay - Nationally 95 people have reported losing over £44,000 to this scam - be vigilant and stay safe!
- We currently have 30 True Call devices that have been provided free of charge for victims or people experiencing multiple nuisance calls. These victims have been selected by our CECAS team and officers that will benefit the most from the device as this is a pilot scheme

September Campaign

This month's campaign is around "Phishing". You wouldn't let a thief enter your home, but what if the thief was masquerading as someone familiar, such as a postman, and tricked you into opening the door? Phishing works in a similar way - criminals use "legitimate looking" messages and websites to trick people into opening the doors to their personal data, giving up logins, passwords or even payment details. That information can then be used to commit fraud and cyber-crime. Further information regarding Phishing can be found on our Twitter @gmpfraud

Good News

- This month we have welcomed 3 new Scambuster volunteers and 2 volunteers have returned to the team
- In 2020, we have recovered £2,468,223 and this month alone £67,000 for victims of fraud
- Our Asset Detention and Recovery Unit has forfeited £584,594.57 from a criminal's bank account
- DC Schofield of our Economic Crime Unit received a charge for offender Glyn Rothwell, 36, a debt firm worker who stole £380,000 from his employers to feed a gambling addiction. Rothwell received a 3 year custodial sentence. The ECU will be sad to see DC Schofield retire at the end of September after 30 years' service - Thank You DC Schofield for all your hard work and support!
- Our District Engagement Plan will begin this month. Our vision is that each district will have:
 - Fraud Key Contacts
 - Fraud PCSOs
 - Fraud Champions
 - Fraud Volunteers

This trial will start in the Stockport area and work to get this started has begun - including 1 event a month in certain communities in Stockport to help raise awareness around Fraud and Cyber scams.

- Our Money Mule project is a continuation of the campaign in August. The project aim is re-educating pupils, teachers and parents on money mules