

# Kent Fraud Alert System



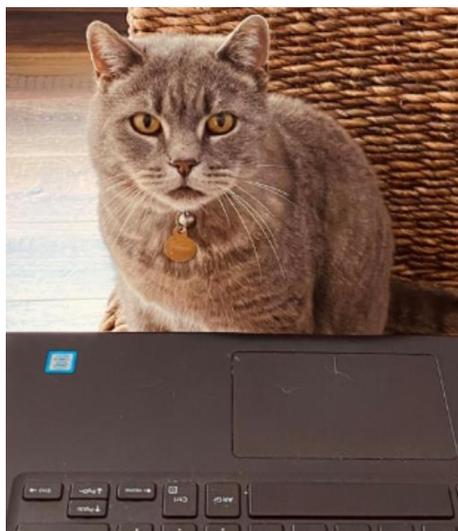
**TO STOP FRAUD™**

## Would you like a presentation?

Not strictly an alert, however, part of my role is to raise awareness of scams and more importantly, how you can reduce your risk of becoming a victim. Therefore, if you are part of a community group, like Neighbourhood Watch, U3A, WI, etc. and would like to receive a presentation for your group in order to find out more about Fraud and some of the ways that you can protect yourselves, then please email me at [Stephen.kelly@kent.police.uk](mailto:Stephen.kelly@kent.police.uk) and I will contact you and make some arrangements.

## #HappyCaturday – “Bubbles Says.”

I have had a few requests about the “Bubbles Says” campaign, as not everyone has Twitter. So here is the latest from Bubbles from last Saturday -



Your weekly advice from Bubbles is – If you receive a suspicious email, then forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and my dad’s mates will deal with it. I do, it’s easy & I am only a cat.

## Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



### Remember, ABC:

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Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)  
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://www.kent.police.uk/contact)  
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## National Insurance scams – Unpaid Fine,

There several HMRC scams at present that are still continuing from phishing emails requesting personal/financial details in order to obtain a tax refund or automated calls and text messages asking you to press button 1 to speak to an advisor over threats of unpaid fines and asking people to either buy gift cards or transfer monies direct to the fraudsters to avoid arrest. Recently we have noticed the spoofing of a mobile number like your own, which tends to make you look at the call or text more seriously.

These are all scams and the HMRC would never contact you like this or ask you to pay fines in the ways described or request you to click a link in a text message or in a phishing email to provide personal/financial data. Remember ABC and Never Assume or Believe and always Confirm by contacting a trusted number and never call a number given in in a

text/email or over the phone, as may be a fraudster.



If you receive a phishing for HMRC then forward to [phishing@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gov.uk) and text messages to 7726 (SPAM).

If you believe you may have fallen victim to this scam, then contact your bank immediately and then report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or calling 0300 123 2040

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## Rogue Traders

With the easing of lock down over the last few months, fraudsters have seen this as an ideal time to get back out there cold calling and stating that they have noticed a problem on the outside of your property, which they can repair. One of the most popular scams at the moment is telling you that they can see a problem with your guttering. Whilst examining this, they will then find a problem with a leaking roof that does not actually exist.

Remember the following guidance -



- Ask for identification and call their company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check they are genuine.
- Ask the visitor to return another time when someone can be with you
- Get three written quotes and never just accept what a cold caller say's when they knock on your door.
- Ask family and friends for recommendations
- Agree payment arrangements and start and finish dates in writing beforehand, and never pay in advance or in full until you're completely satisfied with the work.

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Always stay in control and do not feel pressurised into deciding there and then.

If you think you have been or currently a victim, then you can report by calling via 101.



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