

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Friday 7th May at 8.30 PM

They say a picture can say a thousand words, so a TV programme must say a million. Therefore, the ITV Tonight programme at 8.30 PM, will be well worth watching, as it features a Case dealt with by our Kent Police Fraud Squad and will additionally include useful advice about scams. So, if you get the chance, tune in and see how the Fraud Squad are tackling these problems. If you miss it then you can always watch it on catch-up.

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Fraudsters regularly use personal information to build trust and believability.

Tune into @ITVTonight at 8:00pm to catch @LancsPolice's DI Mark Riley talking about courier fraud and how to spot the signs. #ITVTonight



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Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

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From our colleagues at KCC – Impersonation of Chartered Trading Standards Institute

Residents in Kent are being targeted by a scam pretending to be from Chartered Trading Standards Institute, claiming you are a victim of a scam.

What happens:

- You receive a letter from Chartered Trading Standards Institute.
- The letter will notify you that following an investigation, you are a victim of a scam by Verge Capital, who offer loans and bonds.
- You are told to call 0203 633 2307 to make a refund claim. However, you must transfer £5,000 to cover legal costs.

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What to do:

- This is a **SCAM**
- Do not provide any personal or banking information.
- If you believe you have fallen victim to this scam, then contact your Bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.
- Additionally, you get assistance or advice by speaking to [Citizens Advice](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) on 0808 223 1133.



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Post Office Phishing Email

If you receive the below phishing email from the Post Office, it is scam. It tries to persuade you that there is a problem with a delivery and that you need to click on a link. Never click on a link and remember that the Post Office would never contact you this way. An easy spot is that the emails like this are bogus is that they always express pounds as "GPB." Please forward any suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

Also beware of similar type messages sent by Test.

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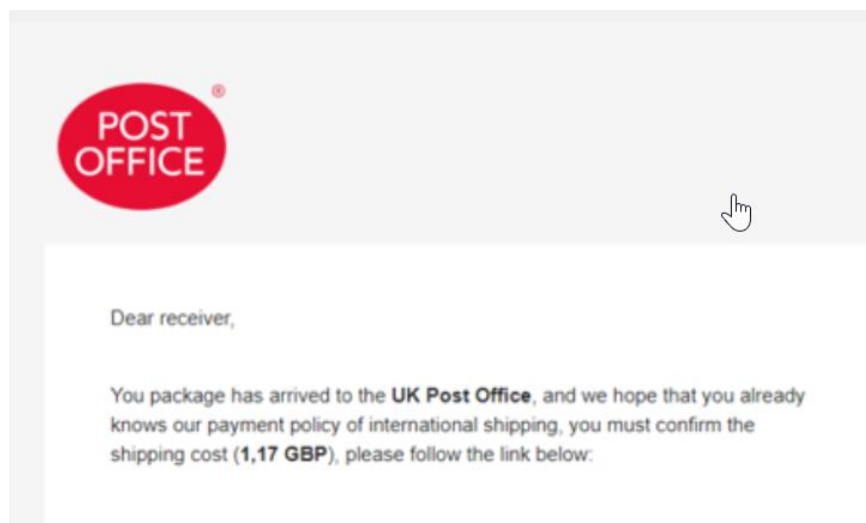


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British Gas Phishing Email

If you receive an email from British Gas asking you to click a link as you are due a refund, it is a scam. Action Fraud received over 500 reports in a 48 hour period. British Gas would never contact you this way and ask you to click on a link. If you receive a suspicious email like this then please forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you believe you have fallen victim to this scam, then contact your Bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

SCAM WARNING

Fake British Gas emails reported over 500 times in 48 hours

Action Fraud has received 537 reports in 48 hours relating to fake emails purporting to be from British Gas. The emails state that the recipient is due a refund as a result of an overpayment. The links provided in the emails lead to phishing websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information.

Your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, contact them directly.

Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) - report@phishing.gov.uk



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