Subject: Don’t fall victim to SCAMS!

Hello Neighbours

I’m writing this email/post to tell you about a fantastic new online resource that Neighbourhood Watch has created to help keep you safe from scammers.

I’m sure you will have seen numerous emails/posts from me in the past warning you about various scams – but the fact is the scammers are always coming up with new ways to defraud us, so you can never be too careful.

Also, you would be surprised how many people are still taken in by different scams – as soon as you get wise to one sort, a new type pops up. It is estimated that around **£10 billion** is lost each year in the UK by victims of scams.

The local police and Neighbourhood Watch are keen to raise public awareness about scams, so that more people know what to look for and are less likely to fall for them. So, Neighbourhood Watch has created an online information pack about scams – the different types, how to spot them, and how to protect yourself and your community from becoming a victim. You can find this pack here: https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crimes-archive/scams-older-people/ and if you go to the Toolkit section here: https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crimes-archive/toolkit/ you can find several more websites and resources to help you understand and identify this awful crime and learn how to protect yourself.

Here’s one film from the Toolkit, about protecting yourself against telephone fraud:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0N4MgKN3pkE>

Do take some time to look through the online pack, and come back to me if you have any questions.

Thank you,