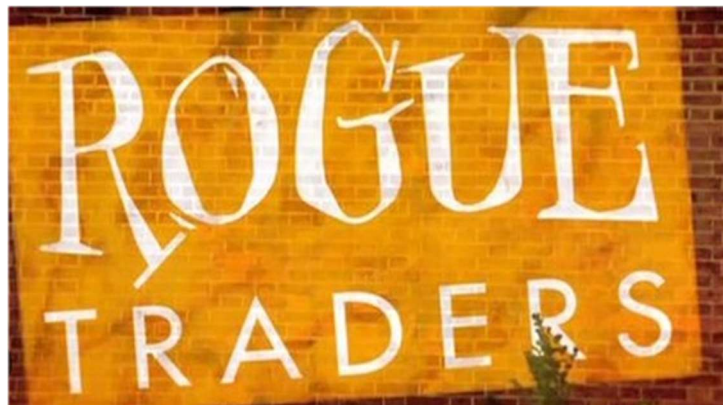




Crime Update



Please be aware that rogue traders have been operating in the County. These traders are offering driveway cleaning and roof cleaning, they also offer to trim or cut down trees claiming this needs to be done to protect the driveway. Minimal work is being carried out and exorbitant fees are requested often the price will increase without agreement.

Rogue traders are often pushy sales or trades people who offer cut price home improvement services or other products. They are always charming and very believable but are also very difficult to get rid of if they are lucky enough to get inside your home. They will commonly offer to tarmac your drive, cut down trees or hedges or offer cheap products such as double glazing or energy efficiency products. Inevitably these goods and services will end up costing you a small fortune. The longer, lighter days in Spring and Summer are especially attractive to rogue traders who will take the opportunity to call and tout for work. Most commonly during these months there tends to be a rise in offers from cold callers to cut trees, hedges or simply tidy gardens.

Don't sign a contract or feel pressured to listen to a sales pitch, tell them politely to leave and shut the door. Be aware that some traders use scare tactics telling you it's unsafe to leave the roof untreated etc. Also be wary of the word 'free' or 'today only' sales tactics.

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Please don't hesitate to call the Police if you witness suspicious activity and dial 999 if you believe a crime is taking place.

You can also report any information anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555111 or online at [Giving information | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

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