



Looks too good to be true? It probably is..

January can be a time for splashing out and treating ourselves to heavily discounted items. Unfortunately, it's also a time for scammers to take advantage. Below are some common scams to be aware of:

Smishing: Scam delivery texts or emails saying a parcel has been delayed and requiring a link-click to track its status.

Impersonation scams: Also known as 'Hi Mum, Hi Dad' scams, criminals often pose as family members or friends saying they've lost their phone and need money.

Website spoofing: Fake websites offering too-good-to-be-true deals and discounts on popular items. These can be very realistic.

Use your spidey senses and be suspicious. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Never give out your personal details and if you receive random emails or phone calls ignore them. However if you do fall for a scam, don't be embarrassed, these fraudsters are very convincing; please report it so that agencies can take action.

December 2023 showed an increase of 500% in Delivery Warning Scams. With warnings about Amazon, DPD, Evri and Royal Mail at the top of the impersonation messages and emails trying to trick you into believing a package needs your attention. The messages encourage you to enter your information and perhaps pay a small fee via what will turn out to be a fake website. The advice is that if you are not sure if a message is genuine, get in touch with the company it claims to be from - but using a web search to look up their genuine contact details. Most delivery firms provide information pages about scam messages that impersonate them.

Contact **Action Fraud** if you think you've lost money or been hacked because of an online scam or fraud. You can report online at <https://reporting.actionfraud.police.uk/> or call 0300 123 2040.

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Stalking awareness campaign

The women featured in the campaign are all being supported by Women's Aid. Here's what they had to say:

Jane told us that her ex-husband drove past her house at all times of the day and night. She said that if it wasn't him driving past, it was a take-away or a taxi turning up to her house late at night that he had ordered.

“It feels like little things each time and when you tell someone an isolated experience they may not think it's that much of a big deal, but when this is happening every single day, it starts to become a problem. I can't even prove it's undeniably my ex ringing the taxis and ordering the take aways, but there wouldn't be anyone else who would do this to me.”

This is echoed in Emma's story, who couldn't understand how her ex-boyfriend seemed to know where she was at all times.

Emma explained he seemed to turn up wherever she was, she had turned off all location sharing on both her phone and her children's phones. She had mechanics check her car for trackers and regularly changed her routine. But he still managed to figure out where she was.

Emma took her phone to the provider who was able to go through each app. This found a false parcel tracking link that had been emailed to Emma and had downloaded a hidden app that shared her location.

With the hidden app deleted, Emma found that her ex was no longer showing up whenever she left the house.

Emma said “Women's Aid have been amazing, I couldn't have done this without them. There were times when I felt like I was going crazy, I feel so much safer now and it's all thanks to Women's Aid believing me.

Stalking Victims – Tracey's story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fnMxOMtHJA>

Stalking Victims – Jane's story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76fk9FAMGDY>

Stalking Victims – Henrietta's story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqB620QtGVU>

Safer Streets Ambassadors given body worn cameras

The Safer Streets Ambassadors in Grimsby Town Centre have, unfortunately, been the subject of threats, abuse and intimidation. This kind of behaviour is, of course, unacceptable.

To help safeguard the Ambassadors it was agreed to purchase some body worn cameras for them to wear whilst out on patrol.

They have received training about how and when to use them and we hope this will encourage abuse members of the public to check and modify their behaviour.

Community Safety Partnership News

Following consultation with our residents and analysis of crime data, the Community Safety Partnership has agreed to focus on four priorities for 2025-29:

- Antisocial behaviour
- Serious and organised crime
- Serious violence
- Communities and cohesion

We're working on our new Partnership Plan which will set out how we will tackle these crimes, as well as working collaboratively with our communities of residents and businesses to build trust, confidence and resilience.

Our plan will be published soon at www.safernel.org but in the meantime you can follow us on social media to see what we've been working on. Find us on Instagram @safety.nel



What's the point? One knife impacts more than one life



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WHAT'S THE POINT?

In late October Humberside Police launched their campaign What's the point.

The dedicated campaign page can be found at <https://www.humberside.police.uk/police-forces/humberside-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/whats-the-point/>

Or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkap2odkhvLzfmm4Q91mmktwu1rjGG3b>

If there's 100 bees in front of me and I know that only one may, or may not, sting me, it still doesn't stop me being afraid of the 100 bees.

We spent September and October conducting focus groups with women and girls with an emphasis on solutions to feeling safe. The above comment was made by a young woman at one of those sessions.

Our conversations told us that women and girls value their trusted male and female friends to watch out for them.

They would also like confidence-boosting classes such as self-defence, enhanced lighting, education in schools and colleges, men to call out inappropriate behaviour by other men, and bystanders to step up and offer support to strangers who seem uncomfortable in the situation they're in.



DARKER NIGHTS HOME SAFETY ADVICE



Now that the clocks have gone back and the nights are drawing in, we would like to remind residents to think about home security.

Although our area continues to be a safe place to live, most burglaries are carried out by a thief who might use the darker evenings to check which homes are empty, have valuables on display or searching for any security lapses.

By taking some simple steps you can reduce this from happening to you:

Use outdoor security lighting with a movement sensor



Keep windows and doors locked, making sure valuables are out of sight

Be careful when opening the door to unexpected visitors. Never let anyone in your house unless it is someone you know and trust. Always check someone's ID.



Be a good neighbour and contact the police if you see anyone acting suspiciously in your area on 101

Make your home look occupied when you are out – draw your curtains, leave a lamp on or leave a radio playing. If it will be dark before you get home, set your lights on timers.



In November we were out with partners visiting residents in Humberston to give home security advice and reassurance. Whilst social media can be great to reach a large audience quickly you can't beat feet on the ground and speaking to people in person.



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