

LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE RE A CURRENT 'SCAM' IN THE LOCAL AREA

Dear all

I just wanted to make you all aware that recently I was dispatched to a call whereby an elderly gentleman and his wife had been "scammed" out of £400-£500 by a workman offering to do work for them. The elderly man paid an upfront payment to the workmen for them to replace a window and a door in his kitchen. The idea was that he would then pay the rest of the balance once the work had been completed. Unfortunately the workmen have never returned. The elderly man has tried to call the workmen to get them to come and finish the work that they said they would do but they have just given excuses as to why they are not currently in a position to do the work for him.

I have sent this to Trading standards and they have confirmed that they have had reports from other people about the same workmen so I would assume that they are looking in to. Would you just be able to put a little warning out to your parishioners so that they hopefully don't fall in to the same trap.

Regards

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