

NOTICE FROM PC ANDREW REID (Monday, January 23, 2017)

Dear Residents.

We appear to be receiving the attention of various people cold calling.

On the 18th January a company called 'Tarstone Construction Ltd from Basingstoke', called at a home in Green Lane, Ellisfield at lunchtime. They were offering to re-surface the driveway, not that it really needed to be resurfaced in the first place. One man who was described as 'pushy' was doing the rounds and driving a white vehicle with yellow markings.

If this man called on you, please give me a call direct.

Meanwhile in Tunworth on Monday 16th January a house had a visit from 'Perfect Touch Landscapes' from Yately, these men were more concerned in the purchases of 4 x 4 than gardening and I am aware they were also in Herriard looking at a 4 x 4 parked there.

Please be aware of both of these companies, and make checks with Hampshire Trading Standards before engaging anyone that cold calls at your door offering any form of gardening, drives, roofing, in fact any type of work.

You can call The Hampshire Trading Standards Doorstop Crime Team on 01962.833666, whom are specially trained Officers and they can provide help and advice on how to deal with such callers. They can attend an incident if the trader is still at your home or in the area, due to return, perhaps collect a payment or offering to take you to the bank to withdraw cash. If outside of office hours please call 101 or if you have serious concerns and are frightened please call 999, for non emergencies you can also call me.

I would recommend that anyone who wishes to seek the work of a trader to check:

www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

This is a Hampshire Trading Standards service and has over 650 approved local tradesmen **ALL** of whom have been fully vetted by Trading Standards, I recommend this service as I have seen them at work and they vet staff as well as the company.

Also the fish sellers in Upton Grey that I stopped back in November 2016 after calls from residents. They are currently being investigated by Suffolk Trading Standards and the information we supplied is helping that enquiry, so thank you for letting me know and by passing this on as it is of use elsewhere in the UK

I have the latest edition of the Hampshire Trading Standards booklet '**Safe and Sound**' regarding consumer and home safety as well as the '**We do not buy from this door**' stickers, if you need any please just ask and I will drop them in.

Also if you have cold calling telephone calls or cards put through your door, just put the telephone number of the caller into Google and see what comes up, frequently the number will be on 'who called' website and usually there are very interesting comments from others that they have called on.

Many thanks

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