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CHAIRMANS VIEWS

Hello everyone and welcome to the June newsletter and our last meeting before the summer break. All of us at any time in our lives could be caught out by scams and I hope the article below will be of help in trying to avoid them as much as possible.

SCAMS AWARENESS



The annual Citizens Advice Scotland Scams Awareness Month campaign is back! Throughout June CAS will be working alongside the bureaux network and partners such as Police Scotland, Trading Standards Scotland and Age Scotland to educate consumers on the importance of recognising, reporting and discussing scams.

This years' campaign launches on **Friday 1st June** and begins on **Monday 4th June - Friday 29th June.**

Background

Scams aren't just a minor inconvenience to people. Aside from financial loss, they can cause distress, misery and even if a scam has been avoided, it can lead to widespread loss of consumer confidence.

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Under-reporting and stigma continue to be barriers in scams and fraud. There are so many types of scams, with new scams tactics consistently emerging and tricking consumers; as well as scams that we don't know about, which makes it very difficult to help, prevent and support those who have fallen victim.

Each week in June, we will be targeting a demographic group that is particularly vulnerable to the tactics of sophisticated scammers. Although anyone can be the target on a scammer, research demonstrates that certain groups are more easily susceptible.

Week 1: Life established (45 – 60)

This demographic is aged 45 – 60. Typically, people in this age group are more vulnerable to scams because of their personal financial situation. They are more likely to own their own home and have access to financial assets, making them a likely target of investment scams, such as energy efficiency scams, pension scams and property scams.

Week 2: Young people (16 – 24)

This demographic is aged 16 – 24. Young people are unlikely to report a scam, should it happen to them. As digital natives, they are confident when using the internet, leading them to feel that they are unlikely to fall for online scams that target them via social media and website advertising. They are often found to be victims of online scams, such as subscription traps, job scams and identity fraud.

Week 3: Over 70s

Older people are often targeted by a range of scammers, a number of times. The average age of reported scams victims is 75 and those over 70 have the highest level of detriment from a range of scams, targeted by landline phone and mail. Although older people often report scams, they can lack confidence in their ability to protect themselves against scammers which makes them more vulnerable.

Week 4: Socially isolated

People who are socially isolated can be the hardest to reach and often can't access the same support to protect themselves from scams, which others can. Although people who are socially isolated don't frequently report scams, they often have high levels of detriment, not just in the amount of money lost, but the overall impact on health and well-being.

Well this is me signing off and hope you all have a great time over the summer and long may these recent sunny days continue well into the Autumn.

Roddy Nicolson

Councillor's forum

Great weather we are having fo0r a change.

We are in the middle of council meetings and should have a more comprehensive round-up at the next meeting.

A number of residents met the new chief inspector—Ian Graham—a Battery boy—it was great to meet him at Assaye Place and bring him up to speed with a number of the issues that we have been pushing on child safety. He was very supportive and hope that he can help resolve a long-running problem.

The report on Stornoway primary was finally released and the parent council have responded. It is not what we want nor do we agree with the findings so this may be brought up again.

I would like to wish all Manor and Castle a great summer and hope that the weather makes it the best summer for a while.

Councillor Gordon Murray

Manor and Castle Childrens day out

Wednesday 18th July

Bust trip to Ness

Food provided

**Please put your names down at June's meeting on the 19th at Grianan
Centre**

When it comes to doorstep crime
**It's never easy to spot
a bogus caller**



Anyone can be the victim of doorstep crime

People aren't always who they say they are. Anyone can be a victim of doorstep crime. If someone comes to your door selling something or offering to do work, don't drop your guard. If you see suspicious activity report it.

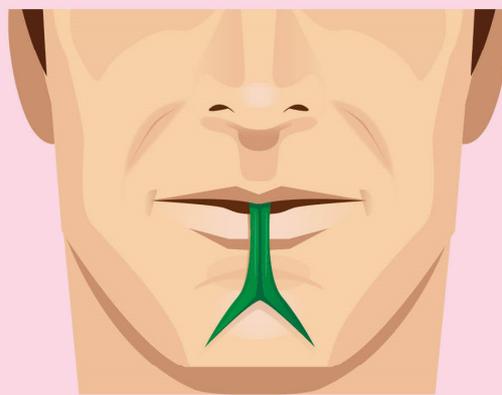
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#WhosAtTheDoor



When it comes to doorstep crime
**I'll say anything to part
you from your cash**



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**FRIDAY MUSIC
6-9PM
LEWIS RETIREMENT CENTRE**