Dear Residents  **March 2017 – bulletin 2**

**Crime reports**

* Cycles stolen from outside a property – sheds broken into – damage to vehicles – none local.

**Scam reports – local**

Similar scam reports included in the last Bulletin. Once again, when printed, all show “From” and “To” addresses are the same and they urge you to click on a link. That is how they get you. Examples are:

* From [*Psreich@liberty.edu*](mailto:Psreich@liberty.edu)*.* “Your shipment has been placed on hold due to your overdue invoice – thank you for choosing Royal Mail” (includes authentic looking logo).
* From *Gwebb@serve.com.* “Mark has shared a document (Delivery confirmation.pdf) with you …… View Document Now……The Drop Box Team.”
* From *p.nemt@shippo.co.uk*. “You have received the following file – Shipping Airway Bill.pdf – please note to view this file click on file name,,,,,,,,,Google docs” (includes logo).
* From [*hostmaster@vt.edu*](mailto:hostmaster@vt.edu)*.* “We have acted on your behalf, some of the transactions on your designated accounts was revoked……for your security and peace of mind, we always email you when……..account needs to be reviewed…….view E-statements now by following the link…….this is an automated message.........please do not reply…..Natwest”.
* From [*peliang@live.it*](mailto:peliang@live.it)*.* “Your online security is important to us……….there was an attempt to sign in from an unrecognized device……..click here to review your account……..Natwest Online Security Team……..we know what it means to serve you”.

**Scam report – national**

* Fraudsters are emailing people who are expecting to pay for property repairs. They purport to be tradesmen who have completed work recently and have similar email address to the genuine tradesman. They ask for payment by bank transfer (you have no protection, unlike credit card). Scam discovered later when correct bill appears. Frauds such as this should be reported to ActionFraud on 0300 123 2040.

**Police advice – shed/garage security**

* Use a good quality lock and pad-bolt fixed with domed coach-bolts that cannot be prised off.
* Use the same method for hinges or use security screws that cannot be unscrewed easily.
* Keep back gates locked. A good deterrent is motion-activated security lights.
* Lock away garden/DIY tools so they cannot be used to gain entry.
* Lock bikes/motor cycles even if in the shed/garage. Screw windows shut. Fit mesh or bars.
* Look at extending you house security alarm to outbuildings – battery alarms are available.
* Record your valuable equipment on [***www.immobilise.com***](http://www.immobilise.com)***.***
* Lock house doors and windows when out in the garden for long periods.

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