

# Cuckoo Oak and Ironbridge Newsletter - 28 May 2018

## Community Messages

### 30/05/18 - Conmen claim to be police to dupe residents out of cash

#### **West Mercia Police is reminding residents not to be fooled by conmen claiming to be police.**

In the past month there have been a number of incidents in Telford where fraudsters have scammed innocent people out of money.

In one of the scams the conmen claim they are from police and say a relative of the person they are ringing has been arrested - they then request money for their release and even offer to send someone to collect the cash.

In another scam they claim to be from the bank stating an account has been hacked and that money needs to be transferred out of the account to one the scammers have set up.

#### **Police have launched an investigation into the scams.**

Telford's CID Detective Sergeant Andy Dawson said: "These fraudsters can be very convincing giving the person they are ringing no reason not to believe them and while they do tend to try and prey on those people who are likely to be more vulnerable and susceptible to their scam in actual fact anyone can fall victim.

"Police would never request money for someone's release from custody and anyone who receives a call like this should simply put the phone down. It is not a genuine call. Likewise, do not transfer money to someone cold calling who you do not know. Only set up direct debits and transfer money with known trusted sources. If the caller claims to be from the bank tell them you will ring them back but before you do ring a person you know to make sure the telephone line has not been compromised and use the telephone number on your bank card not the number the caller may have given you.

"Be vigilant and in any doubt simply put the phone down. Often these people do target elderly and vulnerable people, as do cold callers knocking door to door, and I would ask anyone who has an elderly or vulnerable relative, neighbour or friend makes sure they're aware of what to do if these scammers contact them."

Visit the Crime and Safety pages of the [West Mercia Police website www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) for more information to help prevent bogus callers and phone scams.

To report information about scams to West Mercia Police ring 101 or visit Action Fraud <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> for more information.

In an emergency and if a crime is taking place always ring 999.

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<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/47647/Conmen-claim-to-be-police-to-dupe-residents-out-of-cash>

### 29/05/18 - Ask a question about policing in your community

#### **Members of the public are invited to put questions to West Mercia Chief Constable Anthony Bangham as part of a ground breaking public holding to account meeting.**

The Police and Crime Commissioner, holds regular meetings with the Chief Constable, focusing on key priorities raised by communities. June's meeting will focus on 'Policing in Your Community; and will be broadcast live via Facebook.

Do you want to know more about who your local police are? Do you want to know how police are making use of technology? Are you interested in what's being done to tackle cyber, rural or business or another type of crime? Is there a particular local issue you want answers on? The Commissioner will be able to ask these questions, and others focused on

policing in the community as part of the live stream.

Questions can be submitted in advance, or live via Facebook and Twitter at 10.30am on Tuesday 26th June. The Commissioner will also be out and about in communities, to take questions from the public, as part of a summer events programme.

Commissioner John Campion said "It's my role to give communities a voice at the highest level. This is something I've been doing throughout my time in office, and by hosting the meetings online through social media, I am building on this to ensure everyone can be more involved in the most open and transparent way. I know that policing matters to our communities, and I would encourage people to get involved online and at the summer events, so that things that are important to you, are listened to and acted upon."

**To submit a question about 'Policing in Your Community':**

Send an email to [getinvolved@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:getinvolved@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) before 5pm on Monday 24th June.

Watch the Facebook Livestream ([@WestMerciaPCC](https://www.facebook.com/WestMerciaPCC)) and ask a question in the comments.

Follow live updates on **Twitter** ([@WestMerciaPCC](https://twitter.com/WestMerciaPCC)) and ask a question with the [#GetInvolved](https://twitter.com/WestMerciaPCC)

For more information about how you can take part visit: <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/questions>

For more information on the summer events programme visit: <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/opportunity-to-ask-questions-to-commissioner-at-local-events/>

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<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/47614/Ask-a-question-about-policing-in-your-community>

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