



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 4th September 2008

EMAIL NEWS

Still more Nigerian 419 scam emails trying to obtain money this week. Mr. Koffi Anan from the United Nations is trying so send you one hundred thousand US dollars to compensate you for all the scam emails you have received!! To receive this you need to contact Mr. Jim Ovia with your personal details. The United Nations 'World Bank' have been authorised to send your inheritance fund of 8.3 million US dollars, they require your full personal details and mention that your ATM card pin number will be required! Another Nigerian 419 scam is from Mrs. Rosemary King who has Aids and wishes to send you fifteen million US dollars for you to help fight aids and the less privileged, she cannot take phone calls but asks you to contact her by email, once again you will be asked for a transfer fee before any cash can be sent to you.

The FedEx phishing email is still circulating with an eight hundred thousand US dollar cheque waiting for you if you give your personal details to Mrs. Janet Sunset who appears to be trying to steal your identity.

Lottery scams this week are from the 'Euro Lottery' who have a guaranteed win waiting for you if you respond to their email. The fake 'Nokia 2008' online lottery has one million pounds waiting for you if you contact them by email.

Only one bank phishing email this week from Egg online security who are unable to verify your account and require you to click on the link, this leads to a website in Kimberly Hill, Colorado, USA.

NO BANK WILL EVER SEND YOU SUCH AN EMAIL as they already have all your details in their records. Some of these scams can look official, but if in doubt they can be checked before clicking the "link". N/W members may be interested to know that if you move your mouse pointer over the "link", the actual targeted web address appears in the task-bar at the bottom left of the screen. If this is a scam e-mail then the start of the target address will have nothing to do with the genuine supplier/company. Some of these scammers are getting cleverer and are including some genuine links in their e-mail, e.g. a link to the company's privacy policy.

THE VEHICLE NUMBER PLATE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE COMPLETELY OVERHAULED TO BEAT A RISE IN "CAR CLONING", POLICE HAVE SAID. REPORT FROM THE BBC

A record number are being cloned to enable people to commit crime and escape motoring fines, the Association of Chief Police Officers says.

More than 40,000 sets of number plates were stolen in 2006, a rise of almost 25%, according to police estimates.

Acpo wants a central issuing body for the registration numbers, and all cars to have tamper-proof plates fitted. Acpo's Coventry-based Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service says it now has no confidence in the ability of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) licensing system to prevent cloning.

The service's Supt John Wake told BBC News: "The registration plate is the first form of identification of the vehicle to the general public. "I don't have confidence that beyond that you can identify that that vehicle is the legitimate vehicle for that plate."

The DVLA is considering forcing all the UK's 1.3 million motorcycles to be fitted with plates featuring electronic tags, which are currently being trialed.

There are different levels of cloning. There is the simple cloning, just stealing a plate to drive into say the Congestion Charge zone or evade a speed camera. It ranges up to a higher level which is the car criminal who wants to sell on a stolen car.

Metropolitan Police Federation chairman Glen Smyth said the problem has grown because of the amount of camera-based enforcement of traffic offences, which relies on computer records on who owns which car.

A spokeswoman for the DVLA said it had introduced a standard for theft-resistant number plates, as well as having trialed microchip technology to combat cloning. She added: "The DVLA also regularly works alongside the police to support anti-vehicle crime operations."

Anti theft screws can often be obtained from a local hardware store, you should ask for 'clutch head screws No.10 x ¾" stainless steel self tapping security screws with button head'. They can also be obtained on the internet from www.safe-plates.com where they cost £2.50 a set plus delivery. There is also a motoring store called Gasoline Alley at 50, Streatham High Road, SW16 1DA who can supply 'Richbrook' anti theft screws with a special unlocking key so that they can be removed by the owner, these cost £6.99 for six screws.

SANDERSTEAD CROHAM SELSDON & BALLARDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Croydon Council are pleased to provide details of the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

Please click on the link below to go to our website where you will find the next meeting's Agenda. This will be held on **Wednesday 17 September 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at St John the Divine Church Hall**. If the Agenda changes, you will be issued with a revised version at the meeting.

http://online.croydon.net/neighbourhood_partnerships/sanderstead_croham_selsdon_and_ballards/2008_09_17/default.asp

Please note that Streetscene officers will be available from 7pm to cover local environmental concerns. More information about Neighbourhood Partnerships can be found on our website www.croydononline.org/neighbourhood_partnerships/

PURLEY & KENLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Croydon Council are pleased to provide details of the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

Please click on the link below to go to our website where you will find the next meeting's Agenda. This will be held on **Tuesday 23 Sept 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at Christ Church Hall, Brighton Road**. If the Agenda changes, there will be a revised version available there.

http://online.croydon.net/neighbourhood_partnerships/purley_and_kenley/2008_09_23/default.asp

Please note that Streetscene officers will be available from 7pm to cover local environmental concerns.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

From Monday 1st September Croydon Police will cease to have any dedicated crime prevention officers due to the withdrawal of funding. One PC will remain to give advice to owners of shops and business premises.

Crime prevention advice for residents in the Borough will in future be given by your local Safer Neighbourhood Team; addresses for each team are shown each week on our weekly crime reports. Crime prevention advice can also be obtained from www.met.police.uk or from www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH OFFICE Telephone: 020 8649 0318

The Office will be manned every Tuesday and Friday morning from 8 am to 2.30 pm. The answer phone will be available for messages outside these times. **Please note: Sarah Gardner will be on holiday from 8th Sept to the 21st Sept inclusive. John Skinner is also on holiday from 8th Sept to 15 Sept inclusive so the office will not be manned during this time.**