



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 4th October 2007

EMAIL NEWS

Nat West Bank targeted by a phishing email this week informing you must complete an Online Customer Banking Form. The link for you to click on has now been closed down by the bank.

Another email supposedly from Halifax Plc headed 'Online Banking Alert' warning that your online account is about to expire. When you click on the link it takes you to a website selling MP3 music downloads registered in the USA.

Yorkshire bank targeted with a flood of emails which talks about complying with 'federal' guidelines, which would appear to be USA based. The link no longer works and returns a page not found error.

We have also received an email supposedly from Nat West Bank which had an attachment containing an infected file called HTML/Phishbank.BTJ so delete this immediately, do not open the attachment.

BOGUS CALLERS

In THORNTON HEATH two elderly victims had two white males call claiming to be from the water board and needing to check their plumbing due to problems next door. One victim took a male into the kitchen to turn on the taps, the second male went to the bathroom and was confronted by the second victim who asked for ID. They could not produce any so victim went to call Police. Both suspects then ran out of the house and got into a black van with 'ETC' in green letters on the side.

Suspect one, who was called Duncan by the second male, was approx 40 years old 5'10" tall with swept back black hair. He was wearing working mens clothing and had an Irish accent. The second male was approx 20 years old 5'07" tall with curly brown hair, slim build and wearing a navy sweatshirt. He also had an Irish accent.

HOLIDAY BURGLARY VICTIMS

Victims returning home from holiday to find their house burgled is continuing this week. In SANDERSTEAD a neighbour called the police when they found two white males coming out of a house where the owners were on holiday. They were carrying a TV set and ran to a grey Volvo parked nearby and drove off. Police found other items stacked by the front door ready to be taken.

In ADDISCOMBE victims returned from holiday to find that they had been burgled and property was taken. Also taken was a car left on the driveway, no suspect had been seen. Also in CROHAM another vehicle stolen following a burglary, in both cases keys had been left in the house, please do not leave keys lying on view, keep them on your person or hide them in an unusual place not in a drawer near the front door as this is their first place thieves look.

Welcome to online democracy in action

Talk2Croydon offers the people of Croydon a platform to discuss public services, start discussions/campaigns and voice opinions. As well as being able to raise issues that matter to you, knowing that the site will be viewed by the borough's decision makers, will mean you'll be able to find out what changes as a result.

By logging on to www.talk2croydon.co.uk you can...

start a buzz

an online discussion or campaign around a particular topic,
or add your views to an existing buzz/ poll or survey

link up

with Croydon projects, network with others who share similar work or concerns.

The site will be a hub for public engagement activities and includes a searchable database of activities, a calendar of events and a skills database. To make sure it's accessible to everyone, including those traditionally hard-to-reach, six local community groups representing young people, BME communities, refugees, disabled people, people with learning difficulties and mental health service users have contributed to the project.

Developed by Croydon Voluntary Action and supported by Croydon Council, Croydon Primary Care Trust and Mayday NHS Trust, the site was launched at the Town Hall by The Leader of the Council, Mike Fisher, on Thursday 13 September 2007.

Jo Gough, Croydon Voluntary Action's Community Involvement Manager said,
"At last Croydon people will be able to have an online voice directly affecting local decisions. This is electronic democracy in action."

**Croydon Met Volunteers formally recognised by Ch Supt Mark Gore
Borough Commander fro Croydon**

On the evening of Thursday 27th September 2007 at the Warren Metropolitan Police Sports Club in Hayes, Kent, around 50 Met volunteers attended an annual volunteer recognition evening hosted by Ch Supt Mark Gore, Borough Commander for Croydon, whereby, each volunteer received a certificate in recognition of their voluntary work supporting Croydon Borough Police.

Volunteers were recruited to work alongside and assist Croydon Police two years ago and now there are around 62 volunteers ranging in age, 19 years to 80 years, and experience. Some of the volunteers received certificates for putting in either 100 or 250 hours.

Ch Supt Mark Gore Borough Commander said" The Met Volunteer programme in Croydon has been a real success. The volunteers have made a significant contribution and should be congratulated on their efforts. Their valuable contribution whilst supporting the work of both police officers and police staff makes a difference which ultimately the local communities in Croydon benefit from."

Terry Young Metropolitan Police Service Volunteer Manager at Croydon Police station said" Our aim by March 2008 was to have 50 active volunteers making a total contribution of 500 volunteering hours a month. We are well on target to achieve this. We now have in access of 22 volunteers assigned to working on the front counter at Croydon Police station with the remaining volunteers providing administrative support to their local safer Neighbourhood team and the following departments, Human Resources, Forensic Unit, Witness Care and the Performance Unit. Many people are drawn to voluntary work for a variety of reasons. It certainly can provide a valuable insight into the challenges of modern day policing and a number of volunteers have since gone on to apply to become PCSOs in the Met. Volunteers bring valuable life experience and local knowledge to the Borough.

Anyone wishing to find out more about becoming a Met Volunteer can call terry Young on 0208 649-0002 or by email at metvolunteerscroydon@met.police.uk.

CBNWA WEBSITE

The association website has been updated this week with new information on scams, for further information please see the site on www.cbnwa.com.