

This is a cautionary message from Northamptonshire Police to all Residents in the Daventry Rural South area to be aware.

We have received a report of callers knocking on peoples doors in the Crick area. It appears that particularly the elderly are being targeted, asking if they have any building work which needs doing on driveways and roofs.

Apparently work is being started before any contract has been signed and an agreement on cost for work done. Trading Standards have been involved on at least one occasion.

Please make sure that before accepting any offer of such work that a contract/agreement is signed and a cost of the work is agreed upon.

Ideally, if work is required, then seek the services of a local registered builder and get at least 3 quotes.

Thanks to the public's information we are able to alert you about this in advance so if you get a knock on the door you can be best prepared. Some bogus callers look and sound so genuine and have historically been known to target elderly residents.

If possible, obtain the name of the person or company, vehicle registration number and telephone numbers of the callers. Please remember stay vigilant and remember to report any suspicious activity or if you are in any doubt please phone Northamptonshire Police on 08453 700700 or our colleagues at the Trading Standards department on 01604 707900.

**IF YOU'RE NOT SURE DON'T OPEN YOUR DOOR!**

Call the Northamptonshire Police switchboard on 08453 700700 or 999 in an emergency. Alternatively call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.