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Scam Mail Amnesty - Forward Your Scam Mail To Where It Will Do Some Good

SCAMNESTY 2020

Throughout December 2020, the National Trading Standards <u>Friends Against Scams Team</u> are running a Scamnesty (a scam mail amnesty) campaign, aiming to encourage everyone in the UK to send in any unwanted scam and nuisance mail that they receive into the National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team **completely free of charge**.

In line with Government guidance, we ask that you do not make a trip outside just to post the mail, but please include it in any daily exercise that you may do, or simply wait until Government restrictions have been eased, and then send into the Team then. You can check your local COVID-19 tier level and current restrictions here.

If you, or someone you know is in receipt of scam or nuisance mail, the NTS Scams Teams Investigators want to see it! They already use the mail that they

receive from <u>Scam Marshals</u> to great effect through their disruption techniques, but the Team would like to see more and put a stop to these mailings landing on consumers' door steps. The NTS Scams Team estimate that only 5% of these crimes are reported. This can be due to a number of reasons like shame or embarrassment, or even that they don't know who to report them to. Victims of these crimes shouldn't feel ashamed at all, these criminals are experts at what they do and know exactly how to commit their fraud.

Send mail (no need for a stamp) to: NTSST, FREEPOST, MAIL MARSHALS

Scamnesty is designed to encourage everyone in the UK to have a chat with their loved ones about scams and to send in any scam or unwanted mail into the team free of charge. Your support with Scamnesty is key to making this project a success. Postal scams are largely forgotten about, and thus so are the victims of them. The Team needs large social media reach to get the message to the children, grandchildren or even great grandchildren of those forgotten victims so they can then have that conversation. Any support you can provide is greatly appreciated – we understand December is a very busy month for us all!

If you're interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch, or want to find out more, visit www.sussexnwfed.org.uk or send an email to enquiries@sussexnwfed.org.uk.

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