

SCAM alert from Chorley Police

Please be aware

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Good Afternoon Residents.

Please can I make you aware of the following SCAM:

We have recently had reports of a telephone scam. Please share this email so that we can get the message out to as many people as possible.

Criminals are contacting residents over the phone claiming to be calling on behalf of internet providers or phone companies. They are then telling residents that they have credited their account by accident and asking the resident to access their online banking account so that they can recover the money as they will get sacked for their mistake if not. When the resident logs into their online banking the criminals take control of the computer and transfer any money from a savings or ISA account into the current account (making the resident think that they have received this payment by accident) before taking the money out and leaving the resident out of pocket. In this case £5000 was taken from the residents account.

Please be extra vigilant when receiving calls and if in doubt, hang up and make contact with the named company & your bank via the official websites and telephone numbers.