

One of the types of crimes we see increasingly reported to police surrounds phone scams, whereby offenders impersonating police officers have claimed to be calling from a station in London or other area.

The fraudsters sometimes state they have arrested people with cloned credit cards, and that one of the cards is believed to be yours. They often tell victims their bank accounts have been corrupted and that the only way to safeguard the money is to withdraw it and give to a special police courier.

If you receive any calls like this, **DO NOT DIVULGE ANY BANK DETAILS OR PERSONAL INFORMATION. POLICE WOULD NOT ASK YOU THIS OVER THE PHONE.**

Wait at least five minutes after hanging up to make another phone call, as scammers will often remain on the line in an attempt to impersonate banks, police or other agencies you try to report this to.

Call Kent Police on 999 if this happens to you and a crime is in progress. Otherwise dial 101 or contact Action Fraud by visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us) .

Fly tipping is also an ongoing issue in certain areas. The statutory power to deal with fly tipping lies with the Environment Agency and local authorities, who are responsible for clearing waste from public land. They can investigate dumping on private land but have no obligation to clear. The Environment Agency investigates major fly tipping on public or private land where there's an immediate environment and human health risk.

When using **tradesmen** to dispose of waste, remember to check whether or not they hold a valid Waste Carrier Licence. You can check by visiting [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk) or by calling 03708 506 506. Fly tipping can also be reported directly via the Country Eye App and will then be passed on to the correct local authority to investigate and remove. To download the free app go to the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for Country Eye.

[www.countryeye.co.uk](http://www.countryeye.co.uk) [info@countryeye.co.uk](mailto:info@countryeye.co.uk)

Finally, once again, a reminder to dog walkers to keep their pets under control and on leads in areas where there are livestock, to ensure the safety for all animals in the location.

Sheep worrying can cost farmers huge sums of money, as sheep can die simply from the stress of being chased by dogs off the lead. Veterinary bills alone can also leave a farmer substantially out of pocket and if any offences are proved the dog owner or person in charge could be liable for damages and compensation.

Some important facts about sheep worrying are below:

- Under the Animals Act 1971, a person acting to protect livestock may be able to kill or injure a dog that he/she reasonably believes is 'worrying' without incurring any criminal or civil liability.
- As a dog owner or a person for the time being in charge of a dog, you could be committing an offence if your pet worries livestock on agricultural land.
- Worrying includes attacking or chasing livestock in a way that might reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering or loss.
- It is also an offence to have a dog in a field or enclosed space where there are sheep when the dog is not on a lead or under close control.

Kind Regards

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