



Warning: Bogus Charity Collections

Background

Over the past couple of days Trading Standards has received several reports that a number of charity collection bags have been delivered to homes across the borough.

Household collections are a popular way for charities to collect donations but beware some collections are bogus. Unfortunately some may try to exploit your generosity for their own gain, so please always take the time to read the small print. Know where your donation is going as it may not be where you think.

Advice

If you have any doubts about the organisation asking for donations, you can check by ringing the Charity Commission helpline on 0845 300 0218 or visit www.charitycommission.gov.uk or just simply donate your unwanted clothing to a charity you know and recognise.

You can also call Consumer Direct for further advice on 08454 040506 or visit the watch out section on their website www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

Please pass this information to family members, friends, neighbours and anyone you think maybe vulnerable.

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