# Metropolitan Police Scam

We have had a report of a very upsetting and unnerving SCAM from one of our villagers. Fortunately, no money was lost, but it has naturally resulted in a feeling of great insecurity.

The person received a phone call pretending to be from the "Metropolitan Police" a few days ago, saying that someone in London had all their details - name address, phone numbers bank details etc.

The scammers gave the number of the “officer” making the call and suggested that it could be checked by ringing 999. On ringing 999 it appeared to be genuine and several further calls were received over a couple of days.

The "police" suggested that the problem lay with a member of staff in the person’s bank. A complicated series of instructions were given to supposedly check this out including withdrawing money and leaving a mobile phone on while visiting the bank.

Fortunately, the bank was very cautious about a request to draw out money, and eventually the local police were involved. They have made sure that the victim of this scam is safe and secure at home and monitors have been put on every account held.

The proper police felt that this was a gang targeting lone people and suggested that as many other people were alerted as possible.

If you do get a call that makes you suspicious it would be a good idea to talk it over with someone else before acting or giving out any information. Do feel free to ring me (870618) or Mick (870531) or Andrew Buchanan (870404) If you ring any number, even 999, to check on whether the call is genuine then it is best to leave it a while so the scammers are no longer on the line and preferably to use a different phone.

Stay safe

Sue Reece