



## BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Make sure you know the latest ways to beat the scammers.

That's the message as Bailiwick Law Enforcement and Trading Standards take the fight against scammers island-wide in August as part of scams awareness month.

The team will be at the North and West shows to give advice and have the latest version of The Little Book of Big Scams available for people to take away with them.

Trading Standards Officer Agnes Miller-Dawidowska said the focused month of activity was to educate people about the year-round problem.

"Scamming isn't isolated to one or two people trying their luck to defraud people, it is now an industry which means there are more people trying in more ways than ever before to take your money. While that may sound unnerving, it also means that as it is now part of everyday life you should be more aware of the tactics and methods these people will use.

"This month allows us to remind people of the best methods of defending themselves from scammers so that you and your loved ones aren't the next victims, ensuring that your money stays exactly where it should – in your bank account."

Economic Crime Division Supervisor Paul Winberg said:

"Guernsey residents continue to be the targets for all types of scams and attempted frauds – from cheque overpayment fraud, romance fraud, Government Agency type Scams such as HMRC, TV Licencing etc.. and cyber enabled crimes such as phishing and mandate fraud, which in some cases result in significant losses being incurred by islanders.

"Fraudsters are becoming increasingly professional and sophisticated in their methodology, which is why Bailiwick Law Enforcement in partnership with Trading Standards are proactively promoting awareness of such scams through education and advice and by working with the community to try and reduce the number of future victims."