



Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Watch

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Sussex Police Website: <http://www.sussex.police.uk>

CADDIE Website: <http://www.caddie.gov.uk>, see crime online.

Police Non-emergency calls: **Dial 0845 60 70 999**. Police Emergency calls: **Dial 999**

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BIG PRIZE SCAM

East Sussex County Council Trading Standards Service is warning people not to be taken in by telephone calls telling them they have won a prize. Residents have reported receiving unsolicited phone calls from highly persuasive callers.

The scam operator will tell them they have won a big prize in a contest they didn't enter, or offer them a once-in-a-lifetime investment opportunity. Some residents receive calls suggesting they are a winner but have to claim the prize by phoning a premium rate number costing £1.50 a minute. The prize doesn't exist or is of little value.

Many scams, such as those relating to a Spanish, Canadian or Australian lottery win ask the victim to send money to pay for taxes and processing fees before they can claim a prize. The prize doesn't exist and they never receive any winnings for cash.

If you receive a phone call the general advice is:

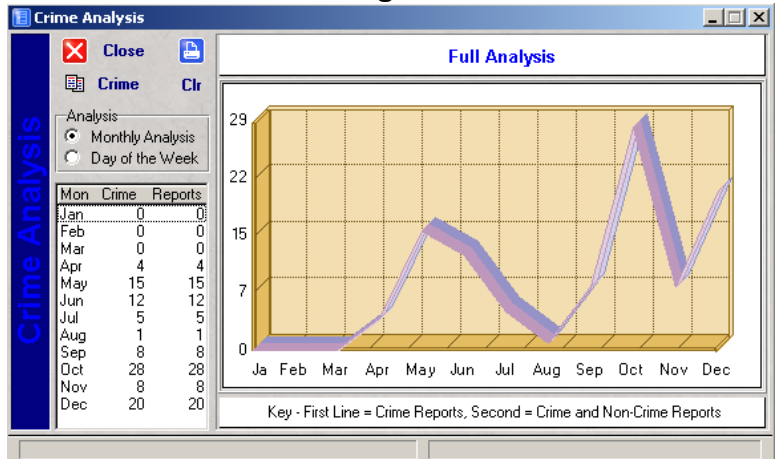
Be cautious - hang up if you have any doubts, never ever send money in order to receive a prize and don't give out private financial information such as bank account and credit card details to anyone who calls you.

Consumers can stop most direct marketing calls being made to their home phone by registering with the Telephone Preference Service on 0845 070 0707.



It's free to join our group and to date 97 households have, you may do so by ringing 833006 or online on our web site.

Parish Crimes Figures



As you can see from the crime graph above the last quarter has seen a rise in local crimes. In the quarter July to September 2004 we had 14 reported crimes in our parish and in the quarter October to December we have had 56 crimes reported. This is a large increase and most are due to one group of local youths and is our worst quarter since we started.

Free Door Chains for the Elderly and Vulnerable

New Initiative



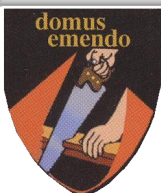
Sussex Home Exteriors are actively assisting our Association's initiatives the first of these being free door chains for the elderly and vulnerable in our parish.

Sussex Home Exteriors are purchasing Chubb door chains and fitting them free of charge for all elderly and vulnerable parishioners who sign up to this initiative. **Telephone 833006 to sign up to Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Watch and this initiative.**



Data Link free to Parishioners - telephone 833006

Your details are stored in a clearly labeled plastic container which is kept in your fridge. Two matching labels, known to the Emergency Services and other care agencies are displayed in your house, one on the outside of your fridge door and the other on the inside of your front door so it is not visible from the outside.



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