

Help needed to identify rogue traders targeting Shortlands

Residents are being asked to contact the Council's Trading Standards team following a doorstep crime incident in the Shortlands area.

Information about the current location of a distinctive truck believed to be used by the perpetrators is being sought. This vehicle is believed to be involved in two incidents of doorstep crime and is being described as a white four door open back truck, with its most distinctive features being a green coloured surround and a red coloured cage at the back of the cab.



Residents are being reminded not to respond to people on their doorstep, especially those who call unexpectedly wanting to carry out unnecessary property repairs or garden work. Anyone with any information, in particular a registration plate or the whereabouts of this vehicle, is asked to report it to Bromley Council's Trading Standards team. Call the Rapid Response number in confidence on 07903 852090.

The appeal for information follows two doorstep crime incidents which occurred in Shortlands on Monday 28th January 2019 at around 11am. In both cases, vulnerable residents were cold called by a man claiming to be working in the area and had noticed roof tiles that had slipped into the gutter. In the first case no work was carried out. In the second incident minor work was done, with the resident being grossly overcharged. The driver and vehicle are still at large and anyone with information is being urged to contact the Bromley Trading Standards team.