

# Morval Parish Council

(Supporting the Heart of the Community)

## Fraudsters and Scams

**During this time, we are all focused so much on what is happening around us that we can be caught off-guard by criminals.**

Unfortunately, there are a small number of people, across the country, who have been caught out.

**On almost all occasions, the person committing the offence means you no physical harm and is only interested in your money.**

May I remind you that you should not open your doors to uninvited strangers during this time of social-distancing.

Should someone knock on your door, who you are not expecting, do not open the door, but kindly ask them to leave. Should you feel threatened, phone 999 immediately. You should also contact your neighbours who may be in a position to watch, from afar, what is going on.

You may receive phone calls, post or leaflets through the door asking you for monetary donations. Please do not provide any bank details unless you have completed 'due diligence' on the charity requesting your help.

I would suggest you also discuss your intentions to help with family or friends, just for peace of mind.

If you are hoping to receive an emergency payment from the Government, be very wary of any phone calls, emails and post asking you to supply your bank details.

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