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Trading Standards and Norfolk Police have received reports of several householders around the County being cold called by a group of men offering to undertake gardening work and hedge cutting.

The callers had persuaded a number of householders to agree to work which was started straight away and, when completed, demanded an inflated price, even driving the resident to a cash machine to get further cash.

They are warning residents to be on their guard. Typically a rogue trader will cold call on the doorstep offering to do work for a low price or claiming there's a problem with the property.

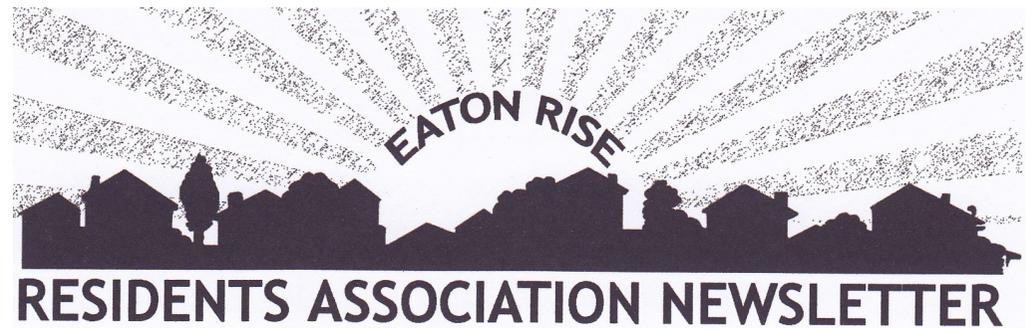
When work starts they will try to get more money by either 'finding' other problems that don't exist or by demanding a higher price than was originally agreed. Genuine tradesmen who are lawful, trading correctly and looking for work, would never do this.

The Police and Trading Standards advice is never agree to a cold caller doing work on your property no matter how much of a bargain it might seem. Only use a trader who you know to be reputable because they have been recommended by friends or family or through other reputable channels such as Norfolk County Council's Trusted Trader scheme. This scheme offers a list of accredited traders which have been checked by Trading Standards, covering everything from plumbing to gardening.

Anyone concerned about rogue trader activity can contact Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or call Norfolk Police on 101. If you believe your own safety is in jeopardy because of threats by a trader who is demanding money, dial 999.

Anti-social behaviour 01603 212100 asb@norwich.gov.uk
Police non urgent 101 (calls cost 10p)
Crimestoppers 0800 555111

In an emergency always dial 999



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Welcome to your Spring Newsletter

The Ipswich Road hedge is starting to bud and flower, and our gardens are looking colourful which must mean that spring has arrived.

Our verges, on the other hand do look rather sorry for themselves. What can we do?

Firstly, we all could avoid parking on the verges and politely ask visitors or traders not to take their vehicles onto the verge.

Secondly we do have a problem with gravel spilling out of drives onto footpaths which is a nuisance to pedestrians, wheelchairs and buggies. It only takes a short time to sweep stray stones back from the pavement.

Thirdly, perhaps when you have the lawnmower out over the summer you might occasionally run it over the verge at the front of your property. If you have a neighbour who has difficulty doing this you may be prepared to do theirs at the same time. It is evident that some of our residents already take on these tasks and it gives huge kerb appeal to their properties. Together we could make a big difference.

Visit us at <http://www.eatonriseresidents.com>

Annual General Meeting

This year's A.G.M. will be held at The United Reformed Church on

Wednesday 29th April at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm

Our speaker this year will be

Carolyn Hamilton

who will talk about

The Role of the Volunteer at Priscilla Bacon Lodge

The AGM is an opportunity for residents to meet, and to find out first hand what The Association has been achieving over the last year and to raise any concerns.

If you wish to raise any matter under Any Other Business you must submit your question via our Web Site or to our Chair,

Mary Barnes-Clay not later than Monday 27th April.

This change will help the meeting to flow more easily

New Clubs

Several Clubs are now well established on Eaton Rise and two more suggestions have been put forward.

If you are interested in being part of a Table Tennis Club or a Card Club, or both, please contact our Secretary, Janet Bearman by email or phone, details above, or via our Web Site.

Hedge News

There has been no work in the hedge since last November. It has been noted recently that we have wild violet, primrose and aconite appearing at the base of the hedge which are new to the environment. Also the blossom on the blackthorn, hawthorn and fruit trees is just starting to come through on the younger plants confirming that they are all doing well.

Danby Wood

On Saturday 7th February we had some of our keen hedge volunteers working alongside volunteers from Eaton Village Residents Association planting new whips along the southern border of Danby Park. Well done to all those who attended, it's great that two communities came together in one cause. This scheme is ongoing.

Eaton Rise Community Fair

Our summer event this year will be a Community Fair to be held on 25th July from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm at the United Reformed Church behind the hedge on Ipswich Road. This is a joint event with the church and we're hoping to have fun and games for the children (and adults), refreshments and lots of stalls including plants, cakes & preserves, books, Fair Trade goods, photographs and more. We're hoping that residents with arts and crafts, or any other skills, will take a stall (at £10 per 6ft table) to display and sell their handiwork - anyone interested should contact Janet Bearman (contact details above) and let her know what they would like to sell.

Community News

A Quiz and Chips evening will be held at Ipswich Road Church on Saturday 16th May at 7pm. This will be organised by the Church and all profit will go to Christian Aid. Tickets will be available from the beginning of April. Please get in touch with Bridget Parker if you are interested, telephone 452129, e mail bid_parker@icloud.com.