

COLD CALLING ZONES, ARE THEY FOR YOU?



New legislation in the area of home safety has brought about new initiatives to set up 'No Cold Calling Zones'.

TRADING STANDING OFFICERS in MK COUNCIL are mounting a new offensive against rogue traders, and the first zone has been set up in Newport Pagnell.

No cold-calling zones are being set up across Milton Keynes to protect residents from crooks, high pressure salesmen and others who bring misery to unsuspecting householders.



First 'no cold calling zone' in MK

Milton Keynes Council Trading Standards Officers, Community Safety Partnership, Neighbourhood Watch, Age Concern and Thames Valley police are behind the initiative.

They are trying to prevent the repeat of such incidents in which a Bletchley pensioner unwittingly handed over £4,000 to a tarmac gang who dug up half his drive and then fled.

The Parish Council are seeking those individuals who are interested in invoking a No Cold Calling Zone in their street. No Cold Calling Zones are specific areas in which cold callers are discouraged from calling as the householders have collectively said "NO" to cold callers. The Zones are designed to assist in areas that are considered to be vulnerable, this could be measured in many ways but it may be an area of elderly persons, an area where there has been a high level of recorded crime, such as burglary or distraction burglary, or even an isolated area of a small number of properties. A Zone should reduce the fear and threat felt by some householders when the doorbell rings and the caller is unknown.

We will expect them to canvas their neighbours and get a 100% agreement to proceed. Small streets or cul-de-sacs are ideal for us to get started with a scheme.

Here is an internet link giving you lots more information about the scheme.

<http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=26009>

DOORSTOPPERS

SAY NO TO DOORSTEP CALLERS

LANERCOST PLAY AREA IN MONKSTON TO BE UPDATED

It's great news for local Monkston residents. The play area near to the eastern entrance of Monkston School is being updated with a range of new equipment, especially aimed at younger children. This area is especially popular with families delivering their over 5's to Monkston Primary School. Their younger children will now have specially designed low impact equipment.

These potentially include; toddler swings, a crazy daisy springer, a dish roundabout and a horse springer.



Have a great time! We hope your children will enjoy these new facilities.

We have included a litter bin, please make full use of it!

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