

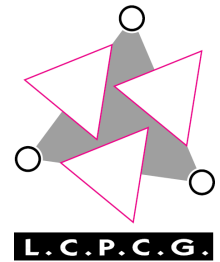
LEWISHAM COMMUNITY POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

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Record of LCPCG Event

Wednesday, 14 November 2012 10.30 am

Council Chamber - Civic Suite



STAY SAFE WITH THE LITTLE BOOK OF BIG SCAMS

An LCPCG Special Meeting for Pensioners

Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group put on this special event in association with Lewisham Pensioners' Forum

The meeting featured

- Specially commissioned drama from Montage Theatre Arts older people's group
- Jim Egley from Operation Sterling: Met Police's specialist Anti-Fraud team
- Advice on Distraction Burglary from Andy Clark of Lewisham CID
- Councillor Janet Daby, Lewisham's Community Safety cabinet member
- Suzanne Wallace, deputy for Lewisham Police's Borough Commander
- Trading Standards officer, Duncan Brand.

LCPCG and the LPF designed the event to inform a potentially vulnerable group about the risk of fraud and scams which are often targeted at older people. The main aim was to highlight the latest tricks and scams being used by fraudsters, and build confidence in what to do if you suspect a fraud, in particular empowering them to be assertive when dealing with strangers. The meeting was structured around the recently published Little Book of Big Scams from the Met Police. LCPCG and LPF publicised the meeting widely using contacts and advertising which specifically targeted Lewisham's older residents.

Purse/Wallet Bells and copies of the Little Book of Big Scams were distributed to all the attendees and there was an informal "marketplace" session after the main event when people could discuss particular items in more detail with the speakers, as well as a range of relevant stalls promoting other relevant services, such as Victim Support, , Neighbourhood Community Safety Service, Trading Standards as well as the LPF. LCPCG also provided information from Action Fraud and the Bank of England and Lewisham's Handyman Service.

LCPCG would particularly like to note the support from the following groups, in the planning, preparation and promotion of this meeting:

Lewisham Pensioners' Forum, Seniors Community Venue at 260 Stanstead Road, Montage Older People's Performance group, Metropolitan Police Officers Simon Cham and Jim Egley from Operation Sterling and Andy Clark from Lewisham CID, Lewisham's Positive Aging Council, Lewisham Pensioners Gazette and Lewisham Borough Business Against Crime.

For additional information about the LCPCG please see: <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/lcpcg>