

# SAY NO TO DOORSTEP TRADERS

Staffordshire residents are being warned to be on their guard against rouge traders when answering the door to uninvited tradesmen.

One local resident answered her door to two men selling manure for £5.75 a bag. She agreed to two bags then went to answer her phone inadvertently leaving her front door open for a few minutes. When she returned they had emptied two bags onto her lawn, but were surrounded by 20 empty manure bags! The lady protested for them to stop as this was not what she had agreed to.

After arguing with them for some time she agreed to write a cheque for 6 bags. These rouge tradesman are thought to be still operating in the area and local residents are being advised to never do business with door step traders. Door step traders can take advantage of people in their own homes, using tricks and confrontation to con you out of your money. Some will even use this tactic to illegally gain entry to your home to steal property.

If you suspect someone is trading illegally or is acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood you should report them to the police. For further advice and assistance relating to door step crime you can also contact your local Trading Standards Office for further assistance.

**Say No to door step traders—you didn't invite them, so why would you want to buy from them!**

All our alerts are available in a range of formats and languages, including large print. Please contact Cath Wohlers if this would be helpful to you, or to someone you know.

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