

# SCHOOL BOOK SCAM

Trading Standards are warning residents and local businesses to be wary of a school book scam.

Reports have been received of people being telephoned by companies claiming to be supporting our local schools by donating books. The caller then goes on to thank you for your support and for agreeing to support the cause by advertising in a booklet which will be distributed through schools of your choice.

They go on to claim that you agreed to support them some months ago, and the booklet is now ready for production, therefore payment is required.

If you are contacted by this company, Trading Standards are advising that you do not give out any personal information, including bank details.

This scam has been around for a number of years and many people have been caught out by it.

If you think you may have been a victim of this type of scam, please report it to Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

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All our alerts are available in a range of formats and languages, including large print. Please contact Community Development if this would be helpful to you, or to someone you know. Address: 14 Martin Street, Stafford, ST16 2LG

