

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Crypto Investment scams

Investment scammers stole more than £97 million of savers' cash in the first half of 2025, according to industry body UK Finance.

We have recently seen an increase in reports.

How it works?

The victim is contacted to invest in a fake crypto currency. The offenders will be very convincing and will provide you access to an online platform to monitor your investments, however it is all a scam, as when you ask to remove part of your investment, they will ask you to pay an additional fee in order to release either all or part of your money and will continue to request more fee's. Once the victim realises it is a scam, the criminals then break all contact.

If you are asked to pay money to release an investment, STOP and report it.



Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm

If you have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and reporting to Report Fraud at [Reporting cyber crime and fraud or phishing attempts - Report Fraud](#) or call 0300 123 2040.

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Book your Fraud Protect Presentation for 2026

It is Christmas and these presentations are FREE.

Our Fraud Prevent and Protect Officer is keen to give presentations to community groups, Business, Schools and the public on how to protect yourselves from the threat of Scams and avoid criminals stealing your money.

If you are part of or in charge of any groups that would benefit from this input in 2026, then please contact stephen.kelly@kent.police.uk

Find out how to protect yourself from fraud

Please come and join us for a talk on fraud and ways to protect yourself and others.

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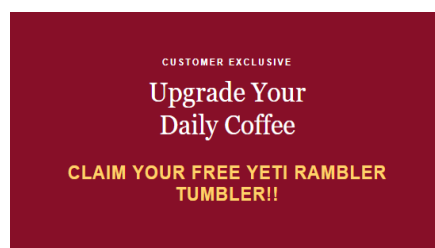
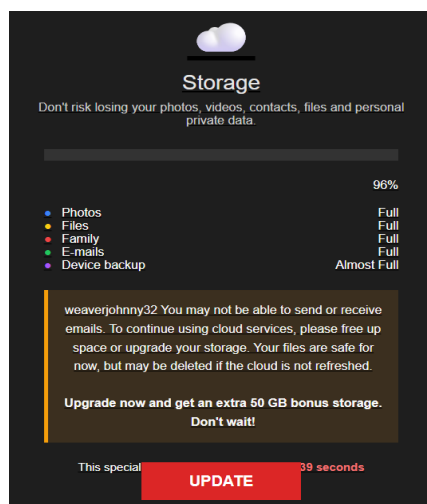
Lots of fake emails

At this time of year, criminals are even more active on the run up to Christmas.

Below are just three examples of such emails (received in the last hour by me). Two are offering free rewards if you complete a survey and the other states that you need to update your details otherwise risk losing you cloud storage.

Apart from being scams, all three though have one thing in common. They all request that you click on links.

If you receive an email with a link, it is highly likely to be a scam, **so do not click it**. However, if you are not certain, then do not Assume or Believe and Confirm by contacting the company on a telephone number that you either know or researched yourself.



CONGRATULATIONS!

You've been selected for an exclusive Costa Coffee reward. Complete our quick experience survey and unlock your special gift — available only for a limited time.

TIME REQUIRED ~2 Minutes YOUR COST FREE

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Reward Opportunity

Pending Allocation for Customer

Item: Pre-lit Christmas Tree
Selection: Random Selection
STATUS: AVAILABLE

Dear Wickes Shopper,

We want to offer you the unique opportunity to receive a Pre-lit Artificial Christmas Tree! To get it, simply complete this brief survey about your experiences with Wickes.

CLAIM REWARD NOW

★ High Value Reward Opportunity

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Police Impersonation Scam – Courier fraud.

We have received reports of criminals calling residents in Tonbridge, Romney Marsh and Margate impersonating police officers.

Residents are being called and told:

- Their bank account has been compromised.
- Their card needs replacing - A family member has been arrested.
- They must buy gold - A courier will collect their card, cash, or gold.

These are scams. The police will never ask for your financial details over the phone or send someone to collect your card, cash, or valuables.

Watch how this scam works: [Courier Fraud Warning: Stay Wise, Don't Compromise](#)

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