

Beware Of Doorstep Pedlars

We are aware of a number of reports across the Stroud District relating to males going door-to-door offering household goods under the guise of an organisation called Helping Hands. These males purport to represent an organisation called 'Helping Hand' or similar, and say they are part of a prison rehabilitation scheme. There appears to be no such charity registered in England or Wales operating this kind of scheme and it is believed that the individuals taking part in these activities may be committing a number of different criminal offences.

Unsolicited doorstep selling can often be a tactic used by burglars and fraudsters who may try to identify vulnerable people or premises within our community. I would urge anyone who encounters these individuals to call 101 and report this to the police as soon as possible so that we can identify, locate and stop this behaviour.