

Elderly targeted by bogus builders in fake flood con

Pensioners are being targeted by bogus builders, who claim their homes could be flooded unless they pay a hefty sum relating to neighbours' building work.

Croydon trading standards officers have been alerted to the scam by older residents in Addiscombe and Ashburton, and are warning residents not to part with money if approached by strangers claiming to be builders.

The scammers claim they

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need to put up scaffolding on their neighbour's property for building work to be done.

The cold caller asks the resident for their name and telephone number claiming the information is for his boss who will call to explain the situation.

In a subsequent call from "the builder" he says expensive machinery is needed to install

a brace in the neighbour's loft the resident must pay a deposit. The brace, he says, is to support the roof while sodden beams are removed, and if it is not used, water from the neighbour's loft will pour into their house, possibly bringing down ceilings and causing further extensive damage.

One resident was asked to pay £2,000, and the caller, who was driving a blue estate car, became aggressive when challenged.

Councillor Simon Hoar, cabinet member for community safety said: "These scammers may still be operating in Addiscombe and Ashburton, or they may now be targeting another area - wherever it is, people must not hand over any money or personal details."

Anyone approached by someone who they suspect may not be a legitimate trader should call trading standards on 020 8407 1311 or email trading_standards@croydon.gov.uk.



On their marks: Hundreds of people joined in the run

Charity run

Rainbow characters Zippy, George and Bungle were joined by Crystal Palace cheerleaders the Crystals at a charity run last week.

The independence day run, organised by the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity took place in Wapping, on Thursday.

More than 300 runners donned stars and stripes to take part in the challenging 5 and 10k run to celebrate America's historical day with the Crystals helping to cheer on the runners.

The new race started 15 minutes from London's Bank in Wapping Gardens and passed some of London's most historical



Star: Bungle was there to support the runners

landmarks including the King Edward Memorial Park and the Limehouse Basin.



Speaking out: Steve Chalke

Anti-Islam rally faces opposition

An academy will host a public meeting to counter an anti-Islam demonstration by a far right group in Croydon later this month.

Oasis Academy Shirley Park in Ashburton will hold a roundtable event on July 11 for people to publically reject the protest by the English Volunteer Force (EVF).

The EVF, an English Defence League splinter group, will stage a rally at

the UK Border Agency's Lunar House headquarters on July 27.

The group says it is protesting against "Islamic, African and east European immigrants", who it claims "suck and bleed the country dry".

Oasis's meeting at the primary academy building in Long Lane, will invite community groups and residents to respond to the EVF

and celebrate diversity.

The meeting, hosted by Oasis founder Steve Chalke, will run from 7pm to 11pm.

He said: "Freedom of speech is an important part of life in Britain, but it is clear the EVF is not attempting to make a positive contribution to debate.

"Instead, this protest is destined to spark fear and damage the borough's reputation as a place of tolerance."



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Pupils raise £15k for girls' education project

Students at Coloma Convent Girls' School raised more than £15,000 for a campaign that aims to keep girls in education.

A cheque for £15,844.70 was presented to Rachel Thomas from Plan UK, who said the money would be used to support girls to stay in school through projects in Uganda and Pakistan.

The school enjoyed a week of entertainment organised by students

in the charities team.

Elaine Hallam, director of charities at Coloma, said: "Our young students value their education here and take the opportunity to share their skills and knowledge with others."

"The charities' team 2012-13 are wonderful examples of young peoples' generosity of spirit to help others less fortunate than themselves."



Well done: Pupils donating the huge cheque

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