

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) is urging people to become a **Friend Against Scams**. It's simple to do, will take just 20 minutes of your time and will equip you with the knowledge and awareness to protect yourself and others from the dangers of scams and fraud. Visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/Cambridgeshire to become a Friend today!

Scams are targeted at people in many ways – by post, on the telephone, online and on the doorstep – all with the intent to trick someone out of their personal details or money. More than three million people fall victim to scams in the UK every year and whilst the financial losses are enormous (£5 – 10 billion in the UK every year), the harm to a person's health and wellbeing is often even more devastating. CAPASP want to help you **spot scams** and **stop scams** by joining the country's growing legion of Friends Against Scams.

There are also other ways you can become involved in protecting people from scams:

- **Become a CAPASP Supporter:** Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) is a newly-formed partnership of over 20 organisations sharing a common interest in preventing people from falling victim to scams and supporting those who suffer the misfortune to do so. Become a CAPASP supporter by passing on communications from the partnership to others in your local community.
- **Become a Scam Marshal:** If you have been targeted by a scam and want to fight back and take a stand against scams you could become a Scam Marshal by reporting the scam for investigation, sharing your own experiences and helping others to report and recognise scams.
- **Become a Scam Champion:** If you want to do even more to protect yourself and others, you could become a ScamChampion and recruit new Friends Against Scams by delivering face to face sessions to community groups etc. Resources are provided to do this, all that's required is a bit of time and passion about spreading scam-aware messages.

To find out more, please contact Charlotte Homent Community Protection Manager at Cambridgeshire County Council charlotte.homent@cambridgeshire.gov.uk 01954 284635. More information is also available on the CAPASP website and there will be regular articles about different types of scams and how to keep yourself protected. Visit: www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/capasp