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A Story to keep us all alert to fraud

“I got a call from VISA this morning 8am to tell me my card was used in India 15 mins ago for £600.00. Asked if I had my card, then, yes we will cancel your card for you. We have the first 4 digits, give us the rest to verify your card. We will wait while you get your card. I do not have caller ID so I said I will not give you this information because I do not know who you are. Oh I am the supervisor, I said I am still not giving you my numbers and I will go to the bank and cancel myself. I called VISA from my mobile and no transactions had taken place. This came close to me being taken in and I am a teacher and not someone who expects to be taken in with this type of scam”

VISA, mastercard or your bank will not ask you to verify your password. Please, everyone, be very careful and don't be taken in by the scammers.

This is a true story and proves that we can all be a target if we let our guards down...

The Buddy Scheme

With the holiday season coming along we must be more aware of the risks in leaving our property empty for a long period. Simple procedures can reduce the risk of a robbery and make your property more secure. We recommend that you have a neighbour who will keep an eye on the house while you are away. Try and use a timer to turn a light on at night and off when you would normally go to bed. If possible get a neighbour to park a car on your drive if yours is away and make sure your street contact knows you are away. Make sure any ladders are securely locked away and any form of easy entry into the rear of the property is moved, ie dustbins which can be used to gain access over fences and gates.

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We have been successful in yet another story on Radio Solent. This time it involved the story of our new group in Walkford which has involved all the residents in stimulating a community spirit with litter picks as well as making residents aware of crime prevention.