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Not Sure? Don't Open the Door

Bogus Traders and Distraction Burglars target the elderly and vulnerable members of our society, destroying their quality of life and potentially causing serious health problems.

Following a successful project in Middlesbrough and Redcar, Retired & Senior Volunteer Programme has received further Lottery Funding to roll out a volunteer led project in Stockton on Tees to support vulnerable people, empowering them to avoid Doorstep Crime. This is a joint initiative involving Cleveland Police, Stockton Trading Standards, Stockton on Tees Borough Council and Stockton Home Safety Association.

Working in partnership with agencies across the whole borough, specially trained volunteers will deliver the message, communicating to potential victims coping and avoidance strategies without increasing the fear of crime. They will deliver the talk to groups or individuals, in their own homes if appropriate, showing a short film.

We are offering training to volunteers to deliver the message, and give talks to professionals to heighten awareness and generate referrals of both groups and individuals. We need volunteers, preferably with their own transport, who can identify closely with their audience, and are prepared to give up a few hours to help the more vulnerable members of the community.

For further information please contact Trevor Redfern or Carol Reynolds at RSVP Tees Valley on 01642 231560 or 527407.





