



Woodford Community Council

The 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held on

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2014 at 8.00 pm

The meeting will be held in the large hall of the Woodford War Memorial Community Centre, Chester Road, Woodford.

A warm invitation is extended to all Woodford residents.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2013 AGM *
3. Chairman's Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Report from Woodford Neighbourhood Forum
6. Election of Committee members
7. Open Discussion
8. Closure of meeting

*The Draft Minutes of the 2013 AGM are available to read/download on the WCC website – www.woodfordcommunity.co.uk

KEEP ON YOUR GUARD!

Woodford Community Council would like to draw residents' attention to the increasing number of scams that are being perpetrated on unsuspecting victims.

These include cold calling by telephone and many different types of online fraud. On face value they all appear plausible and often information provided in support is cleverly crafted to look genuine, thus adding to people's perception that the product or service is bona fide. Unfortunately, as many people have found to their cost, it can be all too easy to be drawn in. Having taken the first steps to find out what is being offered, the victim is then at risk of being placed on what is termed a 'suckers' list, leaving him or herself wide open to other scams. Scammers prey on the vulnerable and apply ongoing pressure to achieve results. They are successful because those caught up in such scams are often too embarrassed to discuss them with friends or report them to the appropriate authorities. If you have been unfortunate enough to have been subjected to any scam do not hesitate to seek help.

How to avoid becoming a victim of a telephone scam:

- genuine businesses or organisations will never telephone you and ask you for personal or financial information
- think about how much money you could lose responding to a potential scam - it's a gamble not worth taking
- if you receive a call which you suspect is bogus, speak to family or friends or the Citizens Advice consumer service and seek advice
- ask your telecoms provider to set up call screening on your telephone so that you know who is calling your number before you decide to answer it. If the number is withheld it will be displayed as 'number withheld'
- you can arrange with your telecoms provider to reject anonymous calls to your telephone
- register with the Telephone Preference Service. This is a free service where you can register your preference not to receive unsolicited sales and marketing calls, although it may not stop overseas calls. You can register on 0845 070 0707 or online
- be cautious and if in doubt, hang up

Remember – if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is!