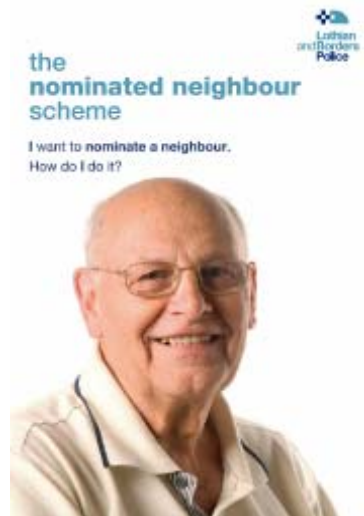


TWEEDDALE NOMINATED NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Police in Tweeddale are rolling out the Nominated Neighbour Scheme, which assists in tackling bogus caller crime. Under the scheme, residents are encouraged to seek the help of a neighbour, friend, carer or relative in checking that unexpected callers to their door are genuine. When an unexpected caller appears at the door, the occupant is encouraged not to enter into conversation with them or open the door, but just to show the card, which directs the caller to go to the house of the nearby ‘Nominated Neighbour’ who is better able to verify the caller’s validity.



Community Beat Officer for Tweeddale, PC Vanessa Hamilton said “This initiative provides elderly and vulnerable residents in our communities with peace of mind when dealing with callers, and will hopefully prevent people becoming victims of this rare but despicable crime”.

Further information on the Nominated Neighbour Scheme can be obtained from PC Hamilton at Peebles Police Station on 01721 720 637 or by e-mail at Vanessa.Hamilton@lbp.pnn.police.uk