

Some tips regarding personal fraud



Reporting the crime

- Contact the banks that were used with your details to report the fraud
 - Contact local police on 101
 - Register for post to be left at delivery office
 - Ask credit agencies to correct your records
- <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Prevention

You should register with a couple of credit check agencies. They are free and help you to identify advance searches done under your name. All residents at one address can register collectively.

<https://www.creditkarma.co.uk/>

<https://www.clearscore.com/>

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/creditclub/>

Register for the limited vote register

Contact CIFAS (the UK's Fraud Prevention Service) to apply for protective registration. Once you have registered you should be aware that CIFAS members will carry out extra checks to see when anyone, including you applies for a financial service, such as a loan, using your address.

www.cifas.org.uk

Further to the above, be mindful & careful with what details you share on social media. Always ask yourself this question... If someone saw your post, what information can they get by typing your name into Google/Facebook/LinkedIn etc? Another tip, check the security settings of all your social media accounts to ensure not everyone has access.

Please also have a look at the DIY tip of trying to make our letterboxes more secure from a resident. This isn't a failsafe, however, a preventative measure.