

Crimestoppers Tackling Rogue Traders

A call from a member of the public resulted in two rogue traders being arrested in Taynton, near Burford, on Tuesday 7th October.

The two men had been visiting residents in the Burford area and offering to gravel driveways. When their service was refused their behaviour became aggressive and one resident telephoned the police to report the incident. This information was also passed onto Oxfordshire Trading Standards and officers from both parties immediately started searching the area for the suspects. Det Sgt Craig Kirby said: “*Two of our Police Community Support Officers found the men as they were halfway through gravelling a driveway so it was a great example of showing how*

information from the public really does help us. We intervened and arrested both men who have been bailed. I would like to remind residents to always check the identification of any tradesman or unknown caller at your home and if they do not have an appointment, do not let them into your house. If you are unsure about a trader, ask them to return later when a friend or member of the family can be there. If you believe someone is a rogue trader or bogus caller please call 999 and alert us immediately.”

If you have any information about bogus callers or rogue traders operating in your area, contact the police on: 0845 8 505 505 or Oxfordshire Trading Standards on: 0845 051 0845.

Helen and Douglas House

Sunday 7th December is the day to have an airing before indulging yourself in the festive season, with a two mile Santa fun-run for all the family! This event is being held in conjunction with Fox FM’s charity *Help an Oxfordshire Child*. The run will start and finish in Broad Street, Oxford. Entry fee is £12 per adult and £5 per child, £25 per family and includes a Santa suit! Remember loved ones this Christmas with our *Light up a Life* celebration. There will be several Christmas trees with lights of

remembrance throughout the county. The Carol Service will take place on **Sunday December 14th** at the **Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall Street**, in the centre of **Oxford**. It will be an informal service with some of our favourite carols to celebrate the festive season. We will also be turning on the *Light up a Life* remembrance lights. For further information and tickets for any of these events please contact Fiona on: 01865 799150 or email fevans@helenanddouglasshouse.org.uk

Limited Edition Shipton Prints

Over recent years I have commissioned Martin Taylor to paint three water colours of local views. Limited edition prints of the first two have been on display and sale in the Wychwood Surgery. Martin has recently completed

the third of the set, the view from the Swinbrook Road, Shipton, looking across the Evenlode Valley. The original is now also on display in the Surgery and framed prints will be available in the New Year.
Dr Sandy Scott