Welcome to Young Friends

Young Friends is part of Friends Against Scams - www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk and has been designed to teach young people aged 8+ about:

- Scams and how they can affect people's lives
- Different types of scams including – postal, telephone, online and doorstep
- How to protect themselves from being scammed
- How to spot and help a scam victim

It is essential that young people learn how to protect themselves and their families from scams. Learning how to protect yourself against fraud and financial scams is an essential skill, especially given the rise of new technology that young people are faced with.

This pack provides two types of teaching materials, specifically designed for:

1) Schools – these were developed by Stuart Tweedale DPCC OPCC & PC Melanie Standbrook Lincolnshire Police in partnership with Friends Against Scams with help from the pupils of Cranwell & Spilsby Primary Schools in Lincolnshire

2) Youth Groups (including Scouts and Guides) – these were developed by Devon, Somerset and Torbay Trading Standards in partnership with Friends Against Scams and with help from Buckinghamshire and Surrey Trading Standards and Norfolk Trading Standards.

A number of core materials have also been developed that are suitable for use with both the Schools and Youth Groups pack. The Young Friends overview shows you the different documents that are available in this pack to enable you to choose the documents that best suits your needs.

As you may be aware, the Friends Against Scams Team have pledged to make One Million Friends by 2020. The training in this pack will enable all the young people you to teach to become Friends. We have provided a certificate that you can hand out to the Young Friends that have completed this course and we would really like to add them to our counter to demonstrate the value of the 'Friends' initiative.

Once you have undertaken a training session, please ensure that you either add the numbers to our counter via your SCAMchampion account (if you have one) or alternatively, please email the numbers to the team at friendsagainstscams@surreycc.gov.uk and we will ensure that these are added to the counter.

Friends Against Scams would like to thank everyone above that supported the development of this pack and would also like to thank Devon, Somerset and Torbay Trading Standards for producing the Young Friends artwork and cover.