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| **Norfolk police back scam awareness month** |
| Norfolk police are supporting a county-wide campaign to prevent people from being scammed with a series of drop in surgeries during February. Scam Awareness Month sees Norfolk County Council Trading Standards tackling the issue of junk or scam mail/email. They are running informal surgeries across the county where they are inviting members of the public to attend, bring their scam mail and have a chat about various scams which are about.There are 14 dates in February at locations across the county where people can drop in and find out more information about how they can protect themselves and others from common scams. The nearest one is at Acle Library on Thursday, 23rd February from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Just call in to ask questions and find out more.**Our top tips:**· S Scams are smart. Prove you're smarter. Bin them!  · If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is  · Pass on warnings to friends and family  · Take extra care with documents and paperwork - shred anything with your personal details on it  · Don’t disclose your personal details over the phone - call companies back to make sure they’re genuine  · Give your compost bin a treat - shred junk mail, scam letters and envelopes and add them to the compost  · Report scams online at [**www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/reportascam**](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/reportascam)  · For further advice contact Consumer Direct on **08454 04 05 06** or visit [**www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/scams**](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/scams)  · Sign up to Norfolk County Council Trading Standards Scam Alert system at [**www.norfolk.gov.uk/scams**](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/scams)  |
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