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| Latest News from Kent County Council Public Protection.  |

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| [**Want to report a doorstep criminal**](https://kent.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ce2871176f2cf0da723a750b1&id=c948e9d48e&e=96da0c1c44) |

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| **If you have an external letterbox - beware!** |

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| *Image Above:  A criminal caught in the act by a Bearsted resident's video doorbell.*Mail can provide fraudsters with a lot of the information they need to commit a crime of fraud or identity theft. It’s also reasonably easy to intercept someone’s mail, especially if they have an external mailbox.**What happens** * + The criminals search an area for external letterboxes and steal documents such as bank statements.
	+ They check the electoral roll or search online for further information to apply for multiple credit cards in the resident’s name.
	+ When the cards arrive, the criminal collects them from the external mailbox.

**What to do** * + Make sure your letterbox is secure and cannot be accessed by anyone else or install an anti-theft letterbox
	+ Empty your mailbox regularly.
	+ If you have been a victim of this type of crime call Kent Police on 101

To further protect yourself from this type of crime, consider doing a regular credit check to see if any applications you don’t recognise appear. You can do this for free with some services.**Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.**   |

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| Help us prevent vulnerable people from becoming victims. Watch the video and learn to spot the signs of doorstep crime and financial abuse. Help to protect your neighbours, friends or family members.   |

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