Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering communities to...

‘Take a Stand Against Scams.’

Scams affect the lives of millions of people across the UK. People who are scammed often experience loneliness, shame and social isolation.

Friends Against Scams aims to inspire action, highlight the scale of the problem, change the perceptions of why people fall victim to scams and make scams a local, regional and national topic.

By attending a Friends Against Scams awareness session or completing the online learning, anyone can learn about the different types of scams and how to spot and support a victim. With increased knowledge and awareness, people can make scams part of everyday conversation with their family, friends and neighbours, which will enable them to protect themselves and others from scams.

Anyone can be a Friend Against Scams and make a difference in their own way

Within the initiative there are:

**Friends**

People from all walks of life who attend a short training session, commit to talking to others about scams and potentially identify victims.

**SCAMchampions**

Friends who attend a further training session to enable them to recruit new Friends Against Scams.

**SCAMbassadors**

MPs, senior officials or someone who will use their influence to raise the profile of scams.
A Friend Against Scams learns about scams then turns that knowledge into action.

How to get involved

I’m an organisation

Friends Against Scams organisations will pledge to actively promote the Friends Against Scams initiative; the easiest way to do this is to make all employees Friends Against Scams. For more information contact friendsagainstscams@eastsussex.gov.uk

Members of the public

Members of the public can become Friends Against Scams by attending face to face training sessions or by completing the online awareness session.

Friends Against Scams Website

Friends Against Scams has a designated website with a variety of resources including the unique Friends Against Scams online awareness session. This is a great alternative for anyone who wants to become a Friend at a time and place to suit them!

A little bit about the NTS Scams Team

The NTS Scams Team works across England & Wales and engages with partner agencies to identify and support victims of scams.

Aims of the NTS Scams Team are:

- To IDENTIFY victims of scams.
- To INTERVENE and protect victims from further victimisation.
- To INVESTIGATE criminal activity.
- To INFORM local authorities and agencies on how to work with and support scam victims.
- To INFLUENCE people at local, regional and national levels to TAKE A STAND AGAINST SCAMS.

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