Computer Know How! – Coronavirus Scam Watch...



Since February 2020, the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has identified 21 reports of fraud where Coronavirus was mentioned, with victim losses totalling over £800k.

Of the 21 reports, ten were made by victims that attempted to purchase protective face masks from fraudulent sellers. One victim reported losing over £15k when they purchased face masks that were never delivered.

Action Fraud have also received multiple reports about coronavirus-themed phishing emails attempting to trick people into opening malicious attachments or revealing sensitive personal and financial information.

One common tactic used by fraudsters is to contact potential victims over email purporting to be from research organisation's affiliated with the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

They claim to be able to provide the recipient with a list of coronavirus infected people in their area. In order to access this



information, the victim needs to click on a link, which leads to a malicious website, or is asked to make a payment in Bitcoin.

More info then go to: https://www.actionfraud.police.uk

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Looking on the bright side...

Although the lockdown has hit hard, a lot of businesses have realised that working from home, or remotely, is not only viable but a lot of us are already doing it. In fact, we have already assisted a lot of you to do just that.

Unfortunately, however, things can still go wrong. We are able to take on PC and Laptop repairs by prior arrangement (while exercising distance control and disinfecting equipment where necessary). We can also solve many problems remotely.



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That's all for this edition. Stay safe and see you all soon.

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