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Warning about bogus HandyVan in Southend (4 February 2011)

An elderly couple were targeted by a person claiming to be working for the HandyVan scheme.

The pensioners were offered the free home security service in Southend High Street and handed over their address and contact details.

Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) would like to make it clear that the HandyVan service would not approach residents in this way, or ask for any personal information.

The HandyVan service, run by the charity Age UK, supplies and fits high quality door and window locks, bolts, door chains, door viewers, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and bathroom grab rails free of charge.

If you are a Southend resident aged 60 and over who is interested in this service, contact the Community Engagement Officer on 01702 464199. Alternatively, contact HandyVan direct on 0845 026 1055.

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