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Message

Kent Trading Standards recently issued an alert to residents warning of an incident in Lyminge of two males who tried to con an elderly consumer out of £300.00 for bogus work to her garage but were stopped when a friend intervened.

However, the males later returned to the property believing the consumer was now alone in the hope of obtaining more money. Fortunately a KCC Community Warden was in attendance and the males quickly left.

Following this distressing incident a Trading Standards officer visited the consumer with the KCC Community Warden involved to offer further support and aftercare.

From speaking to the consumer it was discovered that the friend who had intervened was in fact the consumer's gardener who is also a member of Kent Trading Standards Buy With Confidence Scheme.

Buy With Confidence brings together a list of traders from all over the county which have been individually checked for trustworthiness and compliance with consumer protection laws.

Trading Standards officers vet and visit every applicant and only once they have passed our stringent checks are they accepted onto the scheme and permitted to display the Buy With Confidence logo and are continually monitored by Trading Standards.

To find a Buy With Confidence trader or to become a member please visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or telephone 0808 156 2256.

To find your local KCC Community Warden please visit www.kent.gov.uk/community_and_living.

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18 April

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Signed

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Date

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