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'FREE MONEY' SCAM WARNING

Pembrokeshire residents are being warned not to be taken in by a scam on Facebook offering “free money.”

Scammers claiming to be from a business called DFID are targeting social media accounts and are also ‘friend requesting’ people from the person’s ‘friend’ list.

The fake company offers ‘free money’ to help people who are experiencing difficulty as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

The scammer then asks the person to fill out a form with their personal details.

It has been reported that some residents and businesses outside Pembrokeshire have also received phone calls from the fake company.

Pembrokeshire County Council’s trading standards team warned members of the public contacted by the scammers not to respond and report the incident to Facebook and to the Consumer Advice helpline on 0808 223 1133 (or 0808 223 1144 for the Welsh-speaking service).

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