



## Bogus Callers

Good afternoon Hebble Wharf Residents & Owners

I just wanted to make you aware of a couple of recent incidents across the Wakefield District whereby offenders have posed as members of staff from Wakefield Council as well as Yorkshire Water in order to gain entry into people's homes.

During these incidents (both of which have taken place throughout November), the offenders have knocked on doors claiming that there is an issue regarding the property's water supply. On entry to the respective homes, the occupant has been distracted by one offender, whilst the second has entered and searched the house before stealing items of jewellery as well as cash before leaving the scene. These incidents have involved offenders targeting a lady in her 90's in the Wrenthorpe area and a blind male in his 60's from the Castleford area.

Please find attached a document which provides some useful advice when dealing with doorstep callers. I have also pasted a link below to the West Yorkshire Police webpage for Doorstep Crime. Please feel free to share this with family, friends and neighbours so that we can try and help each other to prevent further incidents and catch those committing these offences.

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/home-security/home-security/doorstep-crime>

If you have any information that may assist with either of these cases, please contact West Yorkshire Police on 101.

Kind regards  
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Crime Prevention Officer