

Bogus Caller warning in Newhaven

✘ Police are warning residents in the north of Edinburgh to be on their guard against bogus callers operating in the area.

The advice follows an incident that happened around 1.30pm yesterday at a property in Great Michael Rise in Newhaven, where two men gained access by claiming to be at the address to work on the water supply.

The elderly resident, who is in his 90s, grew suspicious when they failed to show any identification, and they left without taking anything. They were last seen walking in the direction of Annfield.

Both suspects are described as being white, aged between 30 and 40-years-old, with average builds, and local accents.

DS Ben Leathes, from Lothian and Borders Police, said: "We are appealing to anyone who was in the Newhaven area early yesterday afternoon, who noticed the suspects, to contact police.

"Likewise we would like to hear from any local residents who may have received a similar call at their own home yesterday.

"At this time we are warning residents to be on their guard against anyone who calls at their property to carry out any type of unsolicited work.

"Anyone who receives such a call should deny the caller access, and should ask to see identification. If they are still not satisfied, then they should contact the company they claim to represent in order to establish their identity.

"If anyone has any suspicions over the intentions of any cold

caller, then they should contact police immediately.”

Anyone with any information should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.