

# Police warn of Commonwealth of Nations' lottery scam



Police Scotland is warning people to be alert to the risk of a lottery scam after a number of reports from all over the country.

Members of the public have received letters informing them they've won hundreds of thousands of pounds in a Commonwealth of Nations Lottery, and asking them to send on their bank details in order that the cash be transferred.

Most recently, residents in St Andrews, Dunoon and Dunblane have reported this.

A police spokesman said: "Investigations are underway following a number of reports where people have received letters about this fake lottery.

"We would remind everyone that they should never give out any personal information, including bank details, to any unknown agency.

"While the letters may appear official, it is important to validate any such communication, and seek further assurances that the firms involved exist and are aware of the letter.

"The fraudsters behind this scam are preying on people's vulnerabilities, and could appear genuine if not carefully considered – the bottom line is that if something appears too good to be true, then it usually is.

"Anyone with any concerns about this kind of scam should contact their local police on 101."