

# Four charged with rogue trading



Four men have been charged with doorstep trading offences after concerns were raised in the Eliburn area of Livingston.

Police were called by residents in Northpark Place, concerned about items being offered for sale door to door on Monday 14th January.

Four men aged 27, 18, 23 and 25 were charged and have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Sergeant Iain Wells of Livingston Police Station said: "Bogus callers and rogue traders may call at your door offering substandard products or services, or using a ruse to gain entry to your home to steal. If you require work to be carried out on your property or wish to buy anything we would always recommend you make your own enquiries to do so, using a service provider recommended by friends or through the West Lothian Trusted Trader scheme." West Lothian Council Trading Standards Manager, Ed Machin said: "Trading Standards would recommend that local residents are on their guard with any uninvited callers who turn up on their doorstep offering to sell goods or to carry out home improvement or property maintenance work."

" If you are in any doubt politely inform them that you do not buy on the doorstep and that you wish them to leave."

Anyone with concerns about bogus callers or rogue traders can call police on 101 or 999 if a crime is in progress.