

# Kent Fraud Alert System



**TO STOP FRAUD™**

## HMRC Scams

A reminder that as we approach the end of the financial year, fraudsters will be busy again sending out text's, emails and making calls impersonating HMRC.

In the last year HMRC responded to 572,423 referrals of suspicious contact from the public. 219,740 of these offered bogus tax rebates.

HMRC will never ask for personal or financial information when they send text messages. Do not reply if you get a text message claiming to be from HMRC offering you a tax refund in exchange for personal or financial details. Do not open any links in the message.

Send any phishing text messages to 60599 (network charges apply) or email [phishing@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gov.uk) then delete it.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

The below are some examples of the type of messages fraudsters will send.

### HMRC - Notice

Dear xxx.COM,

We are pleased to inform you that after the last annual calculation of your fiscal activity we have determined that you are eligible to receive a tax return of £3902.51

#### Description

Tax Return #8GB82761KZ  
Issued Date: 13/09/2021 (08:00AM)  
Expiration Date: 14/09/2021 (23:00PM)

Refundable Amount : £3902.51  
United Kingdom

## Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



### Remember, ABC:



**never Assume**



**never Believe**



**always Confirm**

Get the latest scam advice:



@KentPoliceECU

HMRC Refund: You have an outstanding Tax refund of £276.74 from 2020 to 2021. Follow instructions to claim your Tax refund at: <https://gov-tax.refundpr.com/>



**Kent  
Police**

## Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)  
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://www.kent.police.uk/contact)  
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**  
If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)   