



Scambusters target rogue traders

The Government has invested £1.8m in three Trading Standards authorities across England to help them combat rogue traders.

The pilot schemes will involve teams working across local authority boundaries to catch illegal salesmen operating the worst and often hardest to tackle scams.

These include:

- illegal door-step salespeople, including those selling financial and credit services
- counterfeit and illegal car-boot sellers
- illegal unqualified television repair workers
- people involved in the illegal trade of pedigree pets
- cowboy builders responsible for shoddy and unnecessary building work.

“I want to see bogus sellers, who knock on the doors of some of the most vulnerable people in our neighbourhoods, put out of business,” said Consumer Minister, Gerry Sutcliffe.

“These scambuster pilots mean that trading standards officers will be able to crack down on unscrupulous traders and businesses and stamp out their kind of fraudulent and malicious practices.

“This money will allow teams of investigators to focus on the larger scale scams that operate across local authority boundaries and work to take action against the worst kinds of traders.”