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Sent: 03 April 2024 10:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Nottingham Knockers

Firstly, thank you for the note about the website form and apologies this function was not available to you. We will look into this now.

Thank you also for the note with regard to unsolicited sales calls. South Cambridgeshire District Council manage the area along Vicarage Close so I will ensure your issue is passed on to the correct person.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2024 16:18
To: parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Nottingham Knockers

Hello Parish Office,

I hope this finds you well.

I just wanted to follow up on a conversation I've had previously regarding the potential for signage at the High Street-end of Vicarage Close to prevent unsolicited sales calls and 'Nottingham Knockers'.

We've just had a chap from a 'prison release work scheme' knock on our door (3.40pm, Thursday 28th March), which is technically fine, because there are no signs to the contrary, but after not getting anything out of me, he proceeded to be verbally abusive and has continued on towards the sheltered accommodation, ignoring the signs there saying 'no unsolicited callers'.

I've warned people off the sheltered accommodation many a time before, and some have turned around and left, while some have gone on to knock on sheltered accommodation doors, saying that either they didn't see the signs, or they didn't count unless they were at the end of the road.

Unpleasant though it may be, I can deal with verbal abuse, but I worry that more vulnerable people may be strong-armed into parting with money by some of these groups. If there's any way we can add just that little extra layer of protection at the beginning of the road, so they know they can't target Vicarage Close, I think it might be sensible.

I know it's an extra cost, and signage is far more expensive than people generally realise, but hopefully it's something that can be done to protect the more vulnerable residents of Vicarage Close.

Have a blessed Easter!



PS - I tried to send this initially via the contact form on the website, but multiple attempts resulted in the same error message (screenshot attached), so it might be worth checking the contact form settings.