



ISLE OF MAN CONSTABULARY

MEDIA RELEASE

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Text

Police in the Southern Neighbourhood Policing Team have discovered that over recent months there has been counterfeit English pound coins being passed around and in circulation in the shops and pubs in the Castletown area.

At present it is unclear if this is indeed happening Island wide.

I would like to urge members of the public to ensure that they check any coins they are given as change and indeed be very careful that they don't inadvertently use counterfeit coins or notes as payment for goods as it is in effect an offence to do so.

Anyone who is in possession or comes into possession of such fake currency is advised to hand them in at a local police station or a bank. Such coins are usually quite easy to spot but can be missed if handed over with other coins. Members of the public are to be aware of coins that feel lighter than usual, have a different colour or part of the coating rubbing off or even the ability to pierce the coin with a sharp implement.

Pc 206 Louise Kennaugh

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Notes for Editors:

Contact Name and Telephone Number:822222

Anyone who has information about this incident should contact Police Headquarters on 631212. A reward may be payable as a result of your information.

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