

Scam Marshal Newsletter

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Total Scam Marshals across the UK: 2,602



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Greetings readers and welcome to this December Newsletter.

In early November, the National Trading Standards Scams Team hosted the Global Anti-Fraud and Enforcement Network conference in the somewhat overcast city of Brighton. Despite the less-than-ideal weather, the conference proved to be a triumph. This annual event has been alternating between North America and Europe for several years, and this year marked a milestone with the highest number of participants ever recorded.

Traditionally, countries like the USA, UK, Canada, Malaysia, and the Netherlands have consistently dispatched representatives from governmental and security entities. However, this year saw a noteworthy expansion, with Sweden, Belgium, and Ghana also sending delegates.

The conference featured compelling presentations from esteemed organisations such as Interpol, the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Home Office, and various private companies. The noteworthy aspect here is the heartening trend of more countries acknowledging the severity of fraud and actively creating disruptive strategies to combat it.

The conference highlighted a collective determination to tackle fraud, not only through law enforcement but also through collaborative efforts, information sharing, and new strategies. As countries increasingly recognise the global nature of the threat, the conference served as a testament to the growing international unity in the fight against fraud.



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