

The latest scam is a phone call from a person saying they are from HMRC stating that tax is owed and can be paid over the phone by credit or debit card - false authentication codes are quoted.

## **HMRC**

Scams for Tax refunds, successful VAT submission, Gateway Notification Registration plus others. Scams should be forwarded to [phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk)

For a list of scams with examples - <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/security/examples.htm>

## **Companies House**

Acknowledgements of information on companies. Co House are also reporting bogus phone calls asking for company and director information.

For a list of scams with examples - <http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/miscellaneous/misc1.shtml>

## **Amazon**

Thanking for an order – with a zip file attachment

## **Courier deliveries**

Parcels can/cannot/waiting to be delivered quoting a (high rate) number to call

## **‘Zip’ file and any other unusual file ending**

Zip files are used to compress information and data, which is why they are the file of choice for the scammers, who use zip files to compress computer programmes which are activated if the file is opened and can embed viruses or Trojans onto the computer, causing blockage, damage or transmitting information to another computer somewhere in the world!!

Keep your antivirus software up to date, don't open zip files or other unusual endings and be vigilant!!