

FraudForum recommends a new site... [early-warning.org.uk](http://www.early-warning.org.uk)

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An interesting new site has just been launched to assist small businesses in the fight against fraud. <http://www.early-warning.org.uk>

Is an initiative to help small businesses by providing information of the latest fraudsters trying to obtain goods by use of fraudulent credit card details.

Members can access actual email addresses used in order to watch out for attempted purchases before they ship or deliver them.

We will be providing a link to the site from FF within the next 24hrs - take a look @

<http://www.early-warning.org.uk>

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(silicon.com article follows)

Small businesses fight back against fraud Time to clamp down on the credit card crooks...

A UK e-tailer, frustrated at the rise of online credit card fraud, has taken the fight to the fraudsters with the launch of a website called [early-warning.org.uk](http://www.early-warning.org.uk).

Andrew Goodwill, MD of ukcomputerparts.com, launched the site, which collates details of would-be fraudsters and alerts fellow e-tailers about the threat they pose, because he says he had become so frustrated about losing money to conmen and had become disenchanted about a lack of interest from the police.

Goodwill said he took action himself because "the police don't want to know and the credit card companies don't want to know either".

Within two days of launching, 35 e-tailers have already signed up for the service, which is free to join. Most are small businesses, the majority selling computers and software.

However, the site also represents stores as diverse as balloongreetings.co.uk, spirit retailer WhiskyNet and ShoeShop.com

Early-warning.org.uk is likely to appeal to smaller e-tailers who do not have the necessary resources to protect themselves against fraud. They are also often the companies with the most to lose.

For a 'one man band', operating a small ecommerce site, losing thousands of pounds to fraud will seriously affect his or her livelihood.

Goodwill told silicon.com that one UK computer retailer lost £5,000 online over the course of one weekend before signing up for [early-warning](http://early-warning.org.uk). The individual who ripped them off is now blacklisted on the site.

Experian conducted some research in June and found that debit and credit card fraud carried out over the internet or by phone is setting UK retailers back £96m per year.

Any company is welcome to join [early-warning](http://early-warning.org.uk). For more information see www.early-warning.org.uk.

Website Launched 23/09/02

Website has reached a point where new users can be added onto the Early Warning Scheme