TV Licence Phishing Emails

Last week a Kent resident received the below fake email impersonating TV Licencing. It was spotted due to the email address not being official, the fact that they addressed the person by their email address and not their name and the poor grammar. Additionally, it asked them to click on a link which is always a sure way to spot a scam.

If you receive suspicious emails, then forward them to Report@phishing.gov.uk

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

From: TV-License <hattori714@kne.biglobe.ne.jp>
Date: 12 April 2023 at 16:04:21 BST
To: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: Routine check - Please renew your TV License (Reference: 123-456-789)

We’re sorry to let you know that TV License could not be automatically renewed. As we couldn’t take the latest payment, this amount will also need to be paid when you set up your new Direct Debit. To avoid full restriction, please follow this link:

tvlicensing.co.uk/set-up-now

Please don’t reply. We won’t see it.
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