

# **Rural Tarmac -Trading Standards Warning**

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Consumers are warned to beware of traders targeting rural Lancashire residents, by offering to tarmac roads and drives using material allegedly left over from council work.

On one occasion an older farming couple in the Hyndburn area was told that the men were working on a neighbouring road and had ordered too much tarmac, which is not believed to be true. They were charged over £2000 to cover their drive with tarmac.

On a second occasion a cold caller used a similar story and told a farmer in the rural outskirts of Chorley that he was working for the council and had left-over tarmac to use up, which was offered at £2.50 per square foot.

These individuals are not council contractors and Lancashire County Council would like to make it clear that they are not carrying out official work on the highways.

A fake address in Sheffield is given and the work is overcharged and consists of a surface skim which is unlikely to last long. One of the men has an Irish accent and drives a silver car.

Please refer any complaints to Lancashire Trading Standards Service, 55 Guildhall Street, Preston, Lancs PR1 3NU via Consumer Direct tel 08454 040506.