



# Advisory notice

Begging letters from war heroes are not always what they seem. Danger signs:-

- These letters claim to be on behalf of war veterans. But are not signed.
- The letters do not clearly identify their origins such as telephone numbers.
- These imply they are charitable but do not provide a charity number.

**Warning:** these letters may be from political extremists like the British National Party taking advantage of the public affection for war heroes.

They use your good intentions to promote racism, segregation and intolerance.

## Sample letter sent by the British National Party on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.



1. The letter purports to come from a member of the public – Simon Bennett. Simon Bennett is actually the BNP webmaster. The email code shows the letter was actually sent from the email address used for the BNP’s weekly newsletters.

2. The letter was sent to an email address which Nothing British used to register on the BNP newsletter database. BNP press office confirmed the BNP list was used. No permission was sought for this data use.

3. The letter makes no mention of a link to the BNP. The design template is quite different from the BNP’s.

4. The pictures in the email are electronically delivered from a third-party server. But there is no explanation for the ultimate handling of birthday letters.

5. This is the BNP’s main address in Warwickshire. Nuneaton is a base for Excalibur, the BNP merchandising operation, and its call-centre with 20 phone lines.

6. This link clicks through to the BNP server which then re-routes computers to a neutral server to provide the appearance that it is unrelated to the BNP.

7. The subscribe / unsubscribe functionality links to the BNP’s campaign database.

**Be vigilant. If you are in doubt, call The Stolen Valour hotline on 020 3397 0104.**