

# Concert dreams and online schemes

## The Facebook ticket trap: Barry's near miss with a scam

Barry saw an **advert on Facebook** for **tickets** to an Oasis **concert**. The seller had asked for money for the tickets to be sent to a specific online bank account. Barry **wasn't sure if it was a scam** so sent half (£140) to the account and asked the seller to send him the tickets **before he paid the remaining half**.



The **first £140 was approved** without the bank intervening, but when Barry tried to send the second £140, **it told him it might be a scam**. Barry decided to **cancel the transaction** and attempted to contact the seller.



The **seller didn't respond**, even though they'd previously said they'd send the tickets **after receiving both payments**.



The bank reimbursed Barry **£40**, having deducted a claim excess of **£100** – and prevented the scammer from receiving a further **£140**.