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England Rugby Hero's Help Tackle On-line Auction Fraud

Following the recent escapades of prolific e-bay fraudster Phillip Shortman (18); rugby hero's Phil Vickery and Trevor Woodman are backing a new type of on-line auction that offers a safe way to get bargains for many sporting fans.

Shortman fraudulently gained £45,000 by offering fictional goods to unsuspecting buyers; he conned a further £8,000 while on remand by selling non-existent tickets to the deciding six nation's rugby match - where Wales achieved a Grand Slam.

The new auction site 'bid4lots.co.uk' prevents the unsuspecting public from being swindled by holding sale items in their own warehouses prior to an auction event. The public can place bids safe in the knowledge that shipping is by Parcel Force, payments are through Natwest's Streamline, and the goods are covered under a returns policy from a trustworthy source.

The site is aimed at buyers rather than sellers and has already gained a growing army of fans, keen to snap-up liquidated stock, end-of-line products and catalogue returns; and other sports related items.

[picture Phil Vickery & Bid4Lots owner Rob York]