

SOUTH WEST CYBER RESILIENCE CENTRE

THE SOUTH WEST CYBER RESILIENCE CENTRE (SWCRC) IS A POLICE-LED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS. WE EXIST WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MAKING SOUTH WEST BUSINESSES, CHARITIES, AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR MORE CYBER RESILIENT.



SWCRC POLICING AFFILIATION AND THEIR NOT-FOR-PROFIT SET UP MAKES THEM A UNIQUE AND TRUSTWORTHY PROPOSITION. THEY ARE HERE TO HELP.

SWCRC covers Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, Avon and Somerset, Wiltshire, and Gloucestershire, as part of a national network funded by the Home Office and regional policing.

They've been operating since October 2020, and were registered at Companies House in May 2021.

Many organisations find cyber to be confusing, complicated or expensive. SWCRC are here to help solve those problems through education so that businesses can look after themselves better.

On Tuesday 23 January 2024 the SWCRC together with PCSO's from Dorset Police Poole Neighbourhood Team walked around Poole town centre to speak to shopkeepers about cyber security. Ross Brown - Head of Cyber and Innovation at The Cyber Resilience Centre for the South West said 'I received a very positive response that police were doing something positive, protecting businesses online.'

Overall, there was a general understanding of the cyber threat and most businesses I spoke to were impressed that they could massively increase their protection for little or no cost by applying simple measures such as 2 Factor Authentication and using strong and separate passwords.'

Similar events were held in Bournemouth and Weymouth and there has been an increase in members since who are taking advantage of the following benefits:

- Membership is absolutely free
- Receive material to help keep your businesses safer online
- A monthly newsletter
- Subject specific webinars.

Any business who is interested to join the SWCRC can do so online via the website www.swcrc.co.uk



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ADDITIONAL ADVICE CAN BE FOUND ON THE DORSET POLICE CYBER CRIME PAGE OF THE WEBSITE.

Don't forget there is a free tool funded by the Home Office that helps your business or organisation monitor and report the suspicious cyber activity it faces - **POLICE CYBER ALARM**

Police CyberAlarm monitors inbound traffic on your organisation's firewall.

It can help you (and police) spot a possible attack in progress, or the signs that one may be being prepared for.

Since launched it has identified over a billion suspicious events resulting in reports and advice being given to members, enabling them to take action to prevent a successful attack.

REPORTING CYBER CRIME

If you fall victim to fraud or cyber crime, you can report this to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling **0300 123 2040**.

If you have received an email that you're not sure about, you can report this to the **National Cyber Security Centres Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS)**. Simply forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk.

The SERS automatically analyses suspicious emails and, if it considers it to be malicious, can take steps to have email accounts and associated websites closed down, meaning each report can really make a difference.



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