A Christmas message from Chris Haward

Deputy Chief Constable Chris Haward is responsible for the East Midlands Special Operations Unit.

Picture from left Ruth Nixon Zycomm, Rob Flowerdew E.ON UK and ISL award winner, DCC Chris Haward and Andrew Nicholls Chairman

“As Christmas approaches I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the CSSC network from the Industry Sector Leads through to all who read and act upon the messages sent out. We all live and work in an increasingly connected world making partnership, communication and joint action more important than ever before in preventing and responding to threats to our safety.

CSSC has proven its worth several times over and, together, we can still do more to increase awareness of how you, your communities and your businesses can protect against these threats by building the network and making it stronger with each new member who joins the network. Keep pushing the message! Wishing you all a very merry Christmas.”

Board Member origin story by Ruth Nixon Zycomm Electronics

“My initial interest in The CSSC was heightened by an unfortunate first-hand experience of Christmas vandalism, on our mast sites, right on our doorstep. For me it really nailed home the fact that you can’t moan and whinge about crime unless you are actively involved in preventing it.

Dealing with customers in communication and security settings is what I do day in day out and this allows me to have a real insight into how these companies operate and where messaging from The CSSC can provide tangible support through ISL membership.

The Management Board at The CSSC is made up of some highly experienced individuals involved in prestigious large organisations. I hope to be the ‘voice’ of SMEs who make up the vast majority of local business up and down the country and remain an important part of spreading the message.”

Andrew Nicholls Chairman

12 months of growth for CSSC

“It is now 12 months since CSSC was established in the East Midlands and we continue to grow our membership across the region. We have held two ISL events and also developed an award process for recognising the work of ISLs. There are now a total of 185 ISLs and deputies who represent all sectors of business. We have also circulated two newsletters which are produced for us by Zycomm Electronics.

We have a very strong management board which is supported by the regional hub at Next. So in general a very successful year thanks to the great support received from members of the management board.

I am looking forward to developing the work of CSSC across the region over the next year and very keen to receive thoughts or views from our members. Can I take this opportunity to wish you a great Christmas and a very happy New Year.”