At the start of the year Theresa Cameron, who is a Consultant for CLM Management, joined the board and at the same time Andy Bunce (who has now retired from the RAF) became Deputy Chairman. In February the board held a Strategy Workshop and details about the strategy are included in the newsletter.

We are working closely with Kirsty Jackson from Nottinghamshire Police who has written an article about Cyber Crime and I have also been able to hold a meeting with Derbyshire Police about future developments. We have also included the link for the national CT eLearning programme which I commend to you.

Thank you for your continued support and with my best wishes for a safe and happy Easter.

Andrew Nicholls Chairman East Midlands Region

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Small Business Guide for Cyber Crime Prevention

I'd like to introduce myself; my name is Kirsty Jackson - Cyber Protect & Prevent Officer for Nottinghamshire Police’s Cybercrime Unit. I also form part of a regional collaboration under the direction of EMSOU (East Midlands Special Operations Unit) connecting all local forces who are aiming to deliver Cyber Protect strategies across the East-Midlands.

Cyber Protect includes working proactively within communities and with organisation’s providing advice with protecting from Cybercrime.

Our mission for Nottinghamshire and the region is to respond to all Action Fraud referrals ensuring the victim is protected moving forward regardless if there is an investigation or not.

Organisations & Charities – Current Advice:

Cybercrime can be one of the biggest threats to any organisation & therefore Cyber security should be taken very seriously. Please take the time in reviewing the NCSC Small Business Guide & Small Charity Guide. It’s also good for an organisation and its employees to understand the threats of Phishing (Phishing Guidance) & Ransomware risks.

For more helpful Cyber Security advice please visit: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/

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ADVICE: Ensure key members of staff have comfort in being able to check verbally to verify unusual financial requests, even if it looks like it's been emailed by what appears to be the a senior manager, director or CEO, regardless of the urgency from the request or if they are away on holiday.
SQUASHING THE BUG!

The Windows flaw exists in core elements of the operating system that are supposed to stop data in one program interacting with anything outside that application. Google said it had seen evidence that criminal hackers had found a way to make attack code jump from Chrome into other applications to help them compromise a machine.

A patch has been produced for Chrome and users should ensure that they have updated their browser to close the loophole, said Google engineer Justin Schuh.

"Seriously, update your Chrome installs... like right this minute," he tweeted.

The serious nature of the flaw in Chrome meant the software had to be shut down and re-started for the patch to take effect, he added.

"To date, we have only observed active exploitation against Windows 7 32-bit systems," wrote Clement Lecigne from Google's threat analysis group in a blog exploring the flaw.

One way to avoid falling victim was to upgrade to Windows 10, said Mr Lecigne.

Microsoft has not given a date for when its patch for Windows 7 will be released, but said it would be "as soon as possible". Millions of machines still run Windows 7 despite it being almost 10 years old. Writing on the Sophos security blog, Paul Ducklin said: "There doesn't seem to be a workaround, but if you make sure you're up-to-date, you don't need one because the bug will be squashed."

Are you a Windows 7 user? If so please read:

Google have reported Windows 7 is at risk from a serious bug that could let malicious hackers take over their computer.

Cyber-thieves are "actively exploiting" the vulnerability by combining it with a separate flaw found in the Chrome browser.

Our Members Make Us Who We Are

Since our last newsletter we’d welcomed new numbers from the following sectors: Analytics, Automotive, Banking, Business Development, Crime awareness networks, Crime partnerships, Education, Healthcare, Hospitality, Law, Leisure & Touris, Local Authorities, Logistics, Manufacturing, Recruitment, Regulators, Retail, Security, Storage, Transport

Welcoming Our New Members

BAT : Bourne Leisure : Carluccios Restaurants : C Butt Transport : Church and Co Footwear Manufacturer BFA
Farm Watcher : Gang Master Licensing Authority : Intu : Lincoln BIG : Lincoln Cathedral
NHS : Nottingham Building Society : Northampton College : NX Transport Ltd : PPHE Hotel Group
The Alternative Pallet Company : Vision Security Group (VSG)

If you know a company who would be interested in joining the CSSC network, direct them to www.thecssc.com/about-east-midlands
Our Board Members and their Security Specialities

Andrew Nicholls
Chairman East Midlands Region
His previous role was Head of Security and Licensing at Mitchell and Butler for many years.

Andy Bunce
Deputy Chairman East Midlands Region
Andy served in the Royal Air Force for over 32 years with an extensive background in international security operations.

Anthony Day
CTA Manager
Leicestershire Police
Anthony delivers protective security advice to the public with 39 years of police experience.

Graham Osborne
Inspector
Northamptonshire Police
Graham is now the lead for business crime and has responsibility for strategy.

Jon Lloyd
Chief Inspector
Northamptonshire Police
Jon has a real passion for proactive and covert policing operations.

Paul Crane
Head of Security
Cavendish Nuclear
Paul has served all over the world before combating the ‘insider threat’ in the UK.

Ruth Nixon
Director Ten Four Solutions
Ruth helps businesses create secure communication systems using two way radios.

Steve Goad
Senior Manager
Global Security, Capital One
Steve is responsible for delivering enterprise security services around the UK operations.

Theresa Cameron
Associate Consultant
CLH Management Consultancy Ltd
Theresa provides security in the rail freight sector with responsibility for the East Midlands area.
Board Member CSSC Role Focus
Paul Crane, Head of Security, Cavendish Nuclear.

Paul Crane’s role within the EM CSSC Board is to focus on how we are delivering value through the CSSC mechanism. The role of ISLs is a crucial one but not all people have the capacity, the network or the knowledge to ensure their sectors remain fully informed; finding useful ways to raise all ISLs to a common standard will be a key component for him in 2019.

Through on-going engagement with ISLs and their contacts it is hoped that we can continue to refine the strengths and weaknesses of the CSSC as it grows within the East Midlands. Paul is keen to make the communications mechanism a ‘spring board’ within ISLs for better information sharing pertinent to their sectors, developing mentoring or problem sharing - to make safer communities and secure businesses a reality in the region.

CSSC Strategy Plan Created for 2019-2020

On Friday 8th February a group of five management board members got together to form a small focus group to draft a strategy plan for the next 12 months. Our region is growing fast and there has been some considerable interest from businesses across the whole of the East Midlands so it is becoming increasingly important that we develop a plan to meet the expectations of our members. Agenda subjects during the workshop ranged from purpose and values to drafting a mission statement. We discussed ways of growing CSSC and ended up listing a 10 point strategy plan which listed the management boards objectives for the next 12 months.

The event was hosted by Poppleston Allen in Nottingham and ran for most of the day. The workshop was attended by the following board members Andy Bunce, Ruth Nixon, Steve Goad, Theresa Cameron and Andrew Nicholls. All the output will be agreed at the March Board meeting but amongst the ideas discussed were:

1. Implementing a standard welcome pack for new ISLs.
2. Running an East Midlands Regional Seminar with guest speakers.
3. Completing an ISL survey and review information held on data base.
4. Building County engagement by holding ISL forums.

45 minutes could save a life:

Over 1500 companies across the UK have signed up to an innovative free-of-charge 45-minute training scheme that could help prevent terror attacks. Follow the link to start the process.