



18 MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS GROWTH

Now 18 months old the East Midlands Region continues to grow with over 250 principal organisations involved. Thank you for your replies to our survey which achieved a high response. We are collating a summary of the results and will share that with you in due course. I am delighted to welcome two new members to the board who are Deputy Chief Constable Chris Haward and Steve Teatum from Next.

Since the last newsletter we have been supporting various events and I was asked to speak at a business seminar in Mansfield and at the CSSC AGM in London. We are starting work on planning an Autumn seminar and have a number of nominations to consider for the ISL Award. Thank you for your support to CSSC and hope that you enjoy a great summer.

Andrew Nicholls Chairman East Midlands Region



Welcoming our new board members:

Chris Haward - Deputy Chief Constable, East Midlands Special Operations Unit

“I am delighted to join the Management Board for the CSSC. Over the past year I have found myself more and more involved in this work and have witnessed first-hand the value the CSSC can add when critical messages need to be circulated quickly. The reach of the CSSC is expanding rapidly, helping businesses and communities prepare and protect themselves from threats such as terrorist attacks all the way through to modern slavery and personal protection messages. It is absolutely essential we support networks such as the CSSC to ensure as many people, organisations and businesses are engaged, valued and able to contribute to the fight against extremism and serious crime”



Steve Teatum - Group Head of Loss Prevention - Next

“Having effective communication in any business is paramount, the CSSC provide safety and security communications which enable Next to make decisions in a timely manner based on the levels of risk identified. Next are also proud to provide support for the regional Hub, which provides updates for local business operating within the East Midlands region.”





Key support for the East Midlands CSSC continues to grow



Derbyshire Constabulary

'The CSSC partnership has become quickly established across the East Midlands providing an essential service to a large number of organisations. Derbyshire Constabulary is delighted to support this voluntary security initiative which cascades important security and safety information to business leaders throughout the region'.

Peter Goodman QPM: Chief Constable - Derbyshire Constabulary



East Midlands Chamber of Commerce:

Scott Knowles, Chief Executive, East Midlands Chamber (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire), said: "One of the biggest risks from a major incident, such as a terrorist attack either at national or regional level, is the loss of vital communications or the malicious spreading of misinformation, propaganda and fake news.



"It is vital that businesses and Government maintain communications during these times so that businesses continue to function through adversity, meeting the needs of Government where appropriate and receiving correct and up to date information from Government about its specific needs and that state of the emergency as it unfolds.

"That's why the Chamber fully supports the work of the Cross-sector Safety and Security Communications (CSSC) initiative here in the East Midlands, which works in partnership with the police, other law enforcement agencies, central and local governments to promote the protection of people, property and business through a regional and national communications vehicle.

"The charity works in partnership with key public and private sector organisations in the region to provide local business with proactive security advice, to help improve business resilience, and reactive security information, which will be vital to the region's and the nation's security and recovery through and in the aftermath of any major incident."



Insafe International

'As the leader of the UK's biggest independent safe company, Insafe International is very pleased to support the Cross-sector Safety and Security Communications partnership. We are able to share the CSSC messages with all members of our team and also with our corporate customers in the financial, retail, leisure, insurance and public sectors. This great initiative, instigated by security professionals, brings substantial value to the business community.



We are also delighted to be sponsoring this year's ISL Award which will be presented at the CSSC annual dinner'.

Simon Arthur: Managing Director - Insafe International



Latest news from the local police forces:

Counter Terrorism:

Gemma Berry, Senior Regional Communications Officer, East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU) has shared some information to aid those employees who may be travelling abroad for their summer holiday this year:

Run, Hide, Tell International

Have an overseas holiday booked this summer? You have your case packed, money, tickets and passport at the ready, travel insurance purchased and checked UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office travel advice. Now take four more minutes to watch this film, highlighting what to do in the unlikely event of a terror attack abroad.

Created by Counter Terrorism Policing, in partnership with ABTA and the Foreign Commonwealth Office, Run, Hide, Tell International offers vital safety information holidaymakers.

Be Safe Be Sound

Got your festival tickets? Sorted your tent? As well as enjoying the show keep your eyes and ears open to anything suspicious. If you see something that concerns you, report it to security staff.

Counter Terrorism Policing has collaborated with the UK music industry to deliver vital safety advice to the public for the festival season.

- Arrive early at events to allow time for extra security measures.
- Be patient with security checks and help the staff to help you. It might be inconvenient but they are there to keep you safe.
- Pack light, this will help to speed up searches and getting in.
- Don't leave bags unattended or anywhere they could cause a security scare.
- Always keep some charge in your phone so that you can make a call or be contacted in an emergency.



Cyber

Kirsty Jackson – Cyber Protect & Prevent Officer for Nottinghamshire Police has supplied a new resource area supporting Small to Medium sized organisation's and much more online support:

www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/cybercrime

Kirsty also wanted to highlight how Cyber Security Training for staff is now available through resources supplied by the NCSC and how Small Businesses have also been given support to bounce back from cyber-attacks using the Response and Recovery guide which offers a 5-point plan to help get businesses back on their feet after an Cyber incident. Another huge step forward for Small to Medium sized businesses becoming more resilient with their online security.

Ransomware is still a growing issue, the scary thing is a lot of organisations will pay the ransom but the sad reality is, if this is paid there is no guarantee that you will receive your data back. If anything, paying out means that you're likely to be targeted again & will likely be funding various crime areas.

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



Welcoming Our New Members

Mansfield BID : Leicestershire Resilience Forum : RNIB College : Nottingham University Hospital
Lincolnshire Show Ground : Stephenson College : Curve Theatre - Leicester
Fantasy Island - Skegness : Diocese of Derby : Northampton Cricket Club : Stubbing Court Training
Trident Security : University of Nottingham : University of Derby : Homefield College : Foremost Security

If you know a company who would be interested in joining the CSSC network, direct them to

www.thecssc.com/about-east-midlands

Speed of Delivery

One of the principal points about the CSSC is the speed at which we can onward cascade messages through the HUB

A recent example of how quickly we reacted when receiving information through is;

Nottinghamshire Police Cyber Team sent us information on the latest Spear Phishing scam - upon receiving the information we were able to turn that around and back out to our members within 10 minutes!

Autumn Seminar

A CSSC Regional Seminar will take place in the afternoon of Monday 4th November at the offices of Capital One in Nottingham. The theme for this free afternoon event (which will be for CSSC members only) will be around Business Resilience and include topical information about the increased threat of Cyber Crime. We have invited a guest speaker and will also be giving an update on the progress made in establishing the East Midlands Region.

Further details will be distributed shortly but for the moment please hold the date.

Recent Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent survey. The information you have provided will help us, as a board, direct and steer the East Midlands CSSC to ensure maximum benefit for all our members.

One of the most encouraging details to emerge from the survey was the reach of the CSSC messages being shared by ISL's to contacts outside their own organisation which totalled over 30,000 for the East Midlands region.

Your feedback at any time is always valuable so if you have any points you would like to share with us then please contact: eastmidlands@thecssc.com



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.](#)