

## OUR NEW OFFICER



**HELLO! I AM HANNAH, THE CYBER CRIME PROTECT AND PREVENTION OFFICER FOR DORSET POLICE.**

My role involves empowering individuals, businesses, schools, charities, and community organisations with practical and tailored cyber safety advice. Together, we can strengthen our defences against digital crime.

I recently completed my MSc in Cyber Security and Forensic Information Technology, equipping me with knowledge and experience in digital forensics, ethical hacking, cloud systems, and network investigation. This background helps me provide you with informed advice and strategies to combat the growing threats in our digital landscape.

Through our Cyber Protect initiatives, I offer both proactive and reactive advice to help you navigate common threats and develop effective strategies for mitigation. This includes presentations on current risks and sharing best practices for

safeguarding your digital presence. I also work with victims of cybercrime to understand how breaches occur and offer guidance on how to respond and recover.

I encourage you to take advantage of our free cyber awareness sessions, which cover a variety of important topics such as phishing, ransomware prevention, and safe online practices. For more information on booking a session, please visit [Dorset Police Cyber Crime Unit | Dorset Police](#).

Together, we can create a safer digital environment for everyone in Dorset.

## WALKAROUND IN DORCHESTER

**I RECENTLY HAD THE PLEASURE OF WALKING AROUND DORCHESTER WITH PCSO CHARLOTTE FROM DORCHESTER POLICE TO MEET WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND DISCUSS HOW WE CAN ENHANCE CYBER SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY.**

It was a fantastic opportunity to introduce myself and share information about my role as the Cyber Crime Protect and Prevention Officer but also a chance to build stronger

relationships within our local business community.

During our conversations, I provided top tips for staying safe online, highlighting the importance of strong passwords, two-factor authentication, and being cautious of suspicious emails and phone calls. We also discussed the growing threat of phishing scams and the importance of staff training in recognising potential cyber risks.

The interest from local businesses in strengthening their cyber defences was encouraging. Together, we explored the resources available through the NCSC and discussed the free cyber awareness and cybercrime prevention sessions offered by Dorset Police.

I look forward to continuing these discussions and helping our community build a safer digital environment for everyone in Dorset.

# USEFUL CYBER SECURITY LINKS

## NCSC CYBER AWARE CAMPAIGN

We're excited to highlight the NCSC Cyber Aware campaign, a brilliant resource for enhancing your online safety. This initiative provides practical guidance to help you protect yourself and your organisation from cyber threats. Whether you're looking for tips on creating strong passwords, securing your devices, or understanding the latest threats, the NCSC Cyber Aware website is a valuable tool. **Cyber Aware - NCSC.GOV.UK**

## POLICE CYBER ALARM

Police Cyber Alarm is an award-winning free tool funded by the Home Office. This initiative provides real-time monitoring and alerts, enabling organisations to swiftly detect and report cyber incidents.

By participating in the Police Cyber Alarm, businesses can enhance their defences against cyber threats and protect sensitive information. **Police CyberAlarm**

## FREE SMALL BUSINESS GUIDE FOR CYBER SECURITY

The NCSC offer a free Small Business Guide for cyber security, an invaluable resource for organisations looking to protect themselves against cyber threats.

This comprehensive guide offers practical advice tailored specifically for small businesses, helping them to understand and implement essential cybersecurity measures.

Small Business Guide: **Cyber Security - NCSC.GOV.UK**

## CYBER ESSENTIALS

Cyber Essentials is a government-backed scheme designed to help organisations of all sizes protect themselves against common cyber threats. Managed by the NCSC, the Cyber Essentials certification demonstrates a commitment to cybersecurity best practices, reassuring clients, and stakeholders. This initiative provides a clear framework for implementing essential cybersecurity measures, making it easier for businesses to safeguard their sensitive information. About **Cyber Essentials - NCSC.GOV.UK**

# 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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