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This message is for any business, charity, public authority, or organisation in the South-West, large or small. If your team uses IT, has an email address, operates a website, or benefits from a social media presence, then please read on.

If you are not involved in any such organisation, then please feel free to share this message with any appropriate contacts that you may have.

The gift:

As we approach the festive season, we know everyone is busy wrapping up the year. However, UK policing has a *"gift"* for your organisation that is free, takes minutes to open, and offers peace of mind well into the New Year. Introducing: **The South-West Cyber Resilience Centre (SWCRC)**. Whether you run a shop, a café, a hotel, or an Airbnb. Maybe you are a sole trader, a charitable trust, a not-for-profit organisation, or a PLC. The **South-West Cyber Resilience Centre** is here to help you with your organisational cyber security.

Most of us know the basics:

· **Passwords:** Make sure they aren't easy to guess. Use **3 random words** or 12+ characters

· **2SV:** Turn on Two-Step Verification (2SV) also known as Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) wherever you can

· **Updates:** Keep your IT systems and software updated

· **Legacy Tech:** Don't run operating systems that are no longer supported

· **Backups:** Regularly back up your important information

Most importantly, make sure your colleagues know what to look out for. A pause and a discussion with teammates before clicking a link or downloading a file, can quite literally save your IT network — and maybe even your organisation.

A free helping hand

However, after the basics, when you delve a little deeper, cyber security can feel complicated, expensive, and unmanageable. If you wish to continually improve your cyber resilience, it can be hard figuring out your next steps. Professional cyber security support can be costly and for many SME's, sole traders, local charities, and public authorities, obtaining such specialist assistance can often be well beyond their financial means. This is where the **South-West Cyber Resilience Centre** can help. The **South-West Cyber Resilience Centre** is one of nine regional cyber resilience centres in England and Wales, supported by the National Cyber Resilience Centre Group Limited, a collaboration between policing, academia, and the private sector. Funding for Cyber Resilience Centres is provided by the Police and the Home Office. This means that virtually everything on offer to you is **free** and unbiased. It can provide your team with specific **free** cyber security support, tailored to your particular needs.

Signing up with the **South-West Cyber Resilience Centre,** provides you with the basic cyber information that you were never taught at school. You gain access to a free bite-sized cyber security programme. Implementing each step takes a few minutes each week. The **South-West Cyber Resilience Centre** can support you if you get stuck, and they'll provide a monthly update on all the latest threats, so that you know what to update, avoid, and delete. They offer you free webinars, to demystify things you'd like to know more about – like how to make your website safer, or how criminals target you online. They can also offer cyber services direct to your business, if you need them, from ethical hacking to staff training.

For more information about the **South-West Cyber Resilience Centre** please go here - **Home | Cyber Resilience Centre for the South West**

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