

## Free Cyber-Security Workshop for Businesses in West Berkshire

West Berkshire Council's Economic Development Service is working in partnership with local cyber-security experts, EnterpriseRed, to offer a free workshop for local business owners and their employees.

**The workshop will be held at :**

**West Berkshire Council, Market Street,**

**Newbury, RG14 5LD on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> July from 9 a.m. to 12.30p.m.**

Barely a week goes by without cyber-security issues hitting the national or international news. The threat of cyber-attack and data breach is a growing problem for businesses of all sizes in the UK, with almost half of all firms detecting a breach last year, according to Government figures.

Cyber-attacks are estimated to have cost British firms as much as £30 billion last year, making it one of the greatest concerns for business leaders. With the General Data Protection Regulations coming into force next May, with stiffer fines only one consequence of failure, the pressure is on to strengthen defences to prevent against huge fines, loss of reputation, custom and income.

Phishing and viruses are the most common problems, affecting 72% of companies who reported cyber problems, and the threats they pose can be significant. Cyber awareness training of employees is often overlooked, but teaching them how to spot and avoid potential attacks turns them into an effective human firewall.

**To book your place on the workshop email Janet Duffield, Economic Development [janet.duffield@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:janet.duffield@westberks.gov.uk) or call her on 01635 519475.**

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