

## DHF announces that it has achieved 'Cyber Essentials' certification

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Tamworth-based trade association, the [Door & Hardware Federation \(DHF\)](#), has announced that it has achieved 'Cyber Essentials' certification, an effective, Government-backed scheme supported by the [NCSC \(National Cyber Security Centre\)](#) that helps protect an organisation, whatever its size, against a variety of the most common cyber-attacks.

Cyber Essentials provides a framework to improve an organisation's internal processes, focusing on five key technical security controls: Firewalls, Secure Configuration, Use Access Control, Malware Protection and Patch Management. The accreditation, achieved on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024, demonstrates that DHF has met the required level of compliance for its IT security and protection.

"Cyber-attacks come in all shapes and sizes, but the vast majority are very basic in nature, and undertaken by relatively unskilled individuals," explains DHF's Commercial Director, Patricia Sowsbery-Stevens. "Effectively, they are the digital equivalent of a thief trying your front door to see if it's unlocked.

"Certified cyber security demonstrates our enduring commitment and reassures our members that we are working to secure our IT against cyber-attack – and fundamentally protecting their data. Certification will also provide DHF with the opportunity to work on larger-scale projects and form long-lasting positive relationships with public sector organisations. Cyber Essentials is, in fact, required for many Government and public-sector contracts, making it a key driver of new sales and business growth. The certification will attract new business with the promise that cyber security measures are in place."

DHF chose member benefit Citation as the certification body to achieve Cyber Essentials. Adrian Brine, Citations' Partnership Manager said: "Citation is proud to have been a Member Benefit to DHF members for many years. We are delighted to have helped DHF itself attain Cyber Essentials Certification, which is yet



another example of DHF's commitment to excellence".

For further information regarding DHF's member benefit Citation, visit: <https://bit.ly/DHFMemberBenefits>