

Circular to Shareholders & Clerks: CCL NETWORK - Connecting to the CCL Network - WINDOWS XP

Dear Clerks,

I refer to the email circulars below regarding the rollout and transition to the new security system for the CCL Network, I also refer to my email of 15 May regarding Protecting Yourself Against Ransomware and Other Malware attacks particularly in relation to the "WannaCry" worm that was well publicised over the weekend.

During the rollout of the new security system it has come to our attention that there are a few members who are still using Windows XP. Windows XP is not supported on the new security system. It may be possible that some specific computers may connect but we cannot guarantee that they will be compatible, nor can we provide any support for those members using Windows XP. Our experience so far during the roll-out is that Windows XP computers are not able to be connected.

Please note that Microsoft made Windows XP "End of Life" and stopped providing support and patches for Windows XP over three years ago. Although Microsoft did make a one-off patch for the "WannaCry" worm last week, it appears unlikely that they will do so again in the future and there are also several significant vulnerabilities that are still unpatched by Microsoft for Windows XP. This means that the Windows XP computers are definitely insecure which exposes those members and other members of your floor vulnerable to malware and hackers.

Further, I refer you to the CCL Network Terms and Conditions which are available on our website that states that End of Life hardware cannot be connected to the CCL network.

It would be appreciated if you could forward this email to any member of your Floor who falls into the above category, to avoid disruption to the service, those members should arrange to update their computers as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,
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