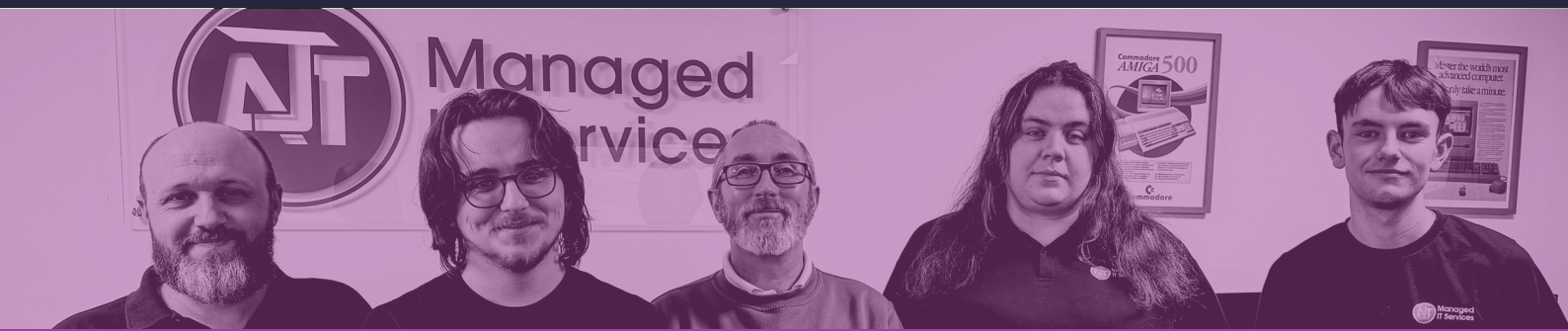




Hi there,

Welcome to the first 2026 edition of the AJT Times!

Can you believe Spring is already here? It's been a whirlwind start to the year at AJT. You may have spotted us out and about - we put up two billboard ads in January and February near our office and the response has been brilliant. A very proud moment for us to see those in real life and a fitting way to mark our 7th birthday.

Behind the scenes, we've been investing in the way we manage and support our customers, building smarter systems to make sure you get more proactive, joined-up service. More on that as the year unfolds...

As we reach the end of Q1, it's a good time to take stock of the cyber security landscape. That's why this issue is focused on practical ways to keep your business protected. Below, you'll find info about:

- The new (and free) Cyber Security Health Check we're offering
- An update on Shield 365 and what we're already doing for customers on the service
- A refreshed referral offer we think you'll love

Last year, the government's own research found that 43% of UK businesses experienced a cyberattack or breach. This rose to 70% for medium businesses.¹ More recent independent research from early 2026 suggests the picture is getting worse, with 67% of UK businesses with 10-250 employees experiencing a cyber attack with an average cost of £6,400.² It's likely that many of the businesses affected had security measures in place; they just had gaps they didn't know about.

As always, we're just a call, email or support ticket away, so please do get in touch if anything in this newsletter sparks questions or ideas.

All the best,

Russell & the AJT Managed IT Services Team

¹ UK Cyber Security Breaches Survey 2025, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology & Home Office

² UK SME Cybersecurity Report 2026, AMVIA

WE'VE UPDATED OUR REFERRAL PROGRAMME AND IT'S BETTER THAN EVER!



If you know a local business that could benefit from our IT support, we'd love an introduction. And we've just made it even more rewarding.

Recommend us to a qualifying business and you'll now receive a £300 Brilliant Brighton voucher as a thank you. Accepted by around 50 local restaurants, shops and bars across Brighton city centre, it's a great excuse to explore what our city has to offer.

It's our way of saying thanks for helping us grow, while giving something back to the local community we're proud to be part of.

[Start your referral now](#)

SHIELD 365: MICROSOFT ENVIRONMENTS NOW MORE SECURE



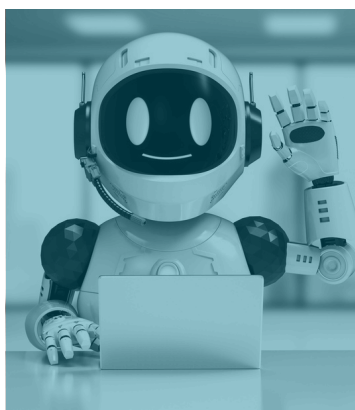
We've now rolled out Shield 365 to our customers, enabling Microsoft's recommended baseline security standards across your Microsoft 365 environment. This means outdated protocols are blocked and modern threats are better defended against, without interrupting your team's day-to-day. Extra protection without the extra faff.

We're now conducting an in-depth audit of each customer's configuration and will soon share any tailored recommendations and continue to apply proactive improvements in the background.

[You can find out more about the importance of keeping your Microsoft 365 secure in our blog.](#)

If you're worried you're missing out, we'd love to chat about Shield 365 with you. Just [drop us a note](#) and we'll be in touch ASAP.

GET AHEAD WITH AI



AI tools like Microsoft Copilot are already changing how businesses work by automating tasks, boosting productivity and transforming day-to-day operations. But how do you know if your team are using it safely?

Research shows that 77% of AI users paste company data into AI chatbot queries at work. Without the right policies and tools in place, AI can introduce serious data privacy risks that many businesses haven't even considered yet.

[Read our AI data privacy guide.](#)

IS YOUR CYBER SECURITY KEEPING PACE WITH YOUR BUSINESS?

FREE CYBER SECURITY HEALTH CHECK FOR BRIGHTON & SUSSEX BUSINESSES

Get a clear, actionable security report and discover hidden vulnerabilities before attackers do.

BOOK YOUR FREE HEALTH CHECK

The right level of protection for your business today might not be the same as it was a year ago. Whether you're growing your team, taking on new clients, or simply doing more online, it's worth making sure your security is keeping pace.

Our free Cyber Security Health Check is a quick, no-obligation way to find out. You'll get a concise report covering high-value indicators for a snapshot of your business' current cyber security posture. Free for eligible businesses in Brighton & Sussex, it takes about 60 seconds to request.

[Book your free health check](#)

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