

Android Phone Group - 4th January 2023 - Martyn Radcliffe

The group met for the first time at the Guide HQ and was well attended with 17 people making the effort to come along.

It became very clear just how many different handsets were represented, both manufacturers and models. Another issue was that there were different software update versions as well.

This proved not to be an insurmountable problem and the group muddled through.

The initial session was looking at security on the phone and some discussion was had about having antivirus software uploaded to protect during internet browsing. However, it became evident that most did not have even the basic security of a PIN or password on the handset itself.

The process was run through to place this on the phones. Please see the instructions outlined below which were sent as a PDF after the meeting.

In view of the different phones a questionnaire was sent to the attendees to get which phones were being used as well as what areas they would like to cover.

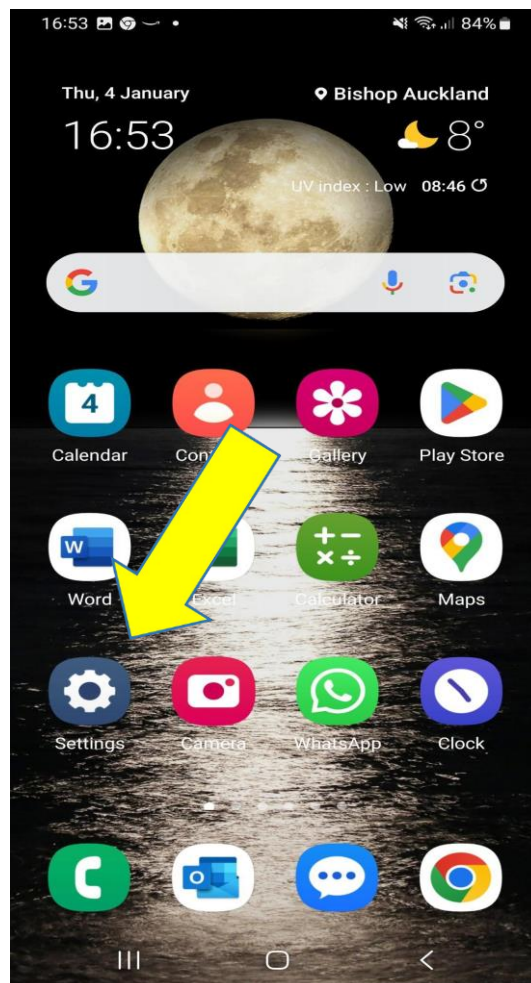
It is hoped to look at Antivirus next time as a starting point.

Setting up a password or PIN on your android phone.

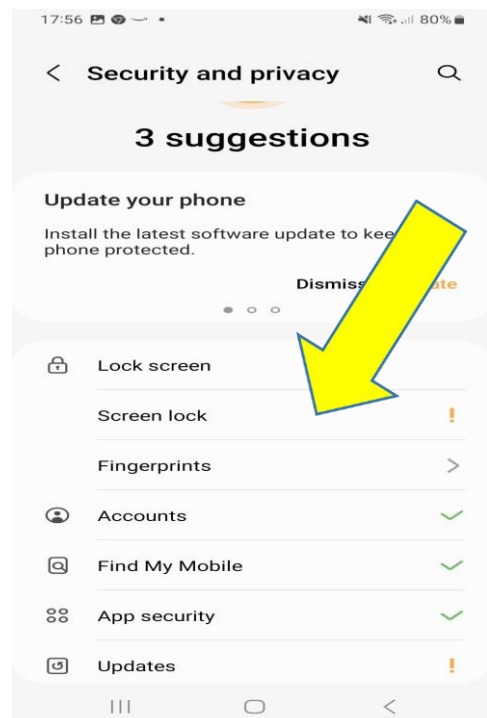
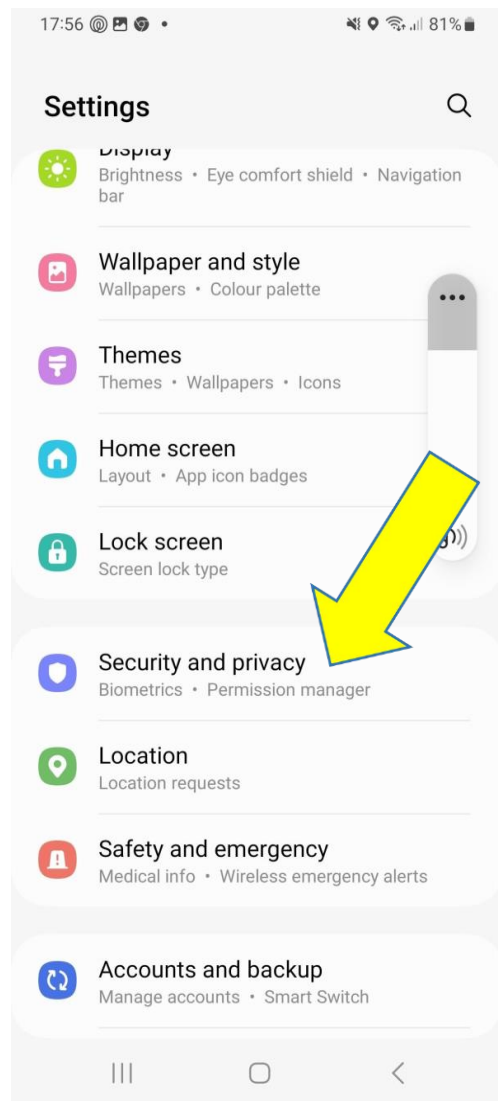
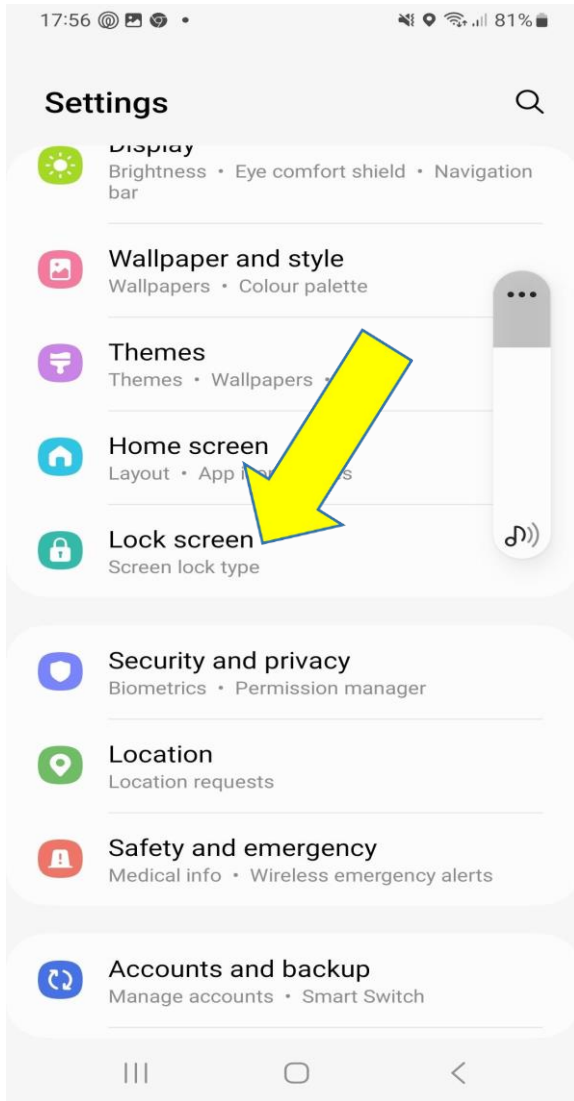
1. Find the “Settings App” this will look like a cog and have will normally have “settings” below the icon. If the icon app is not on your home screen (this is the screen that open when you activate your phone or on the screens you access by swiping left or right).

If settings is not on the home screens then swipe up to gain access to the App pages.

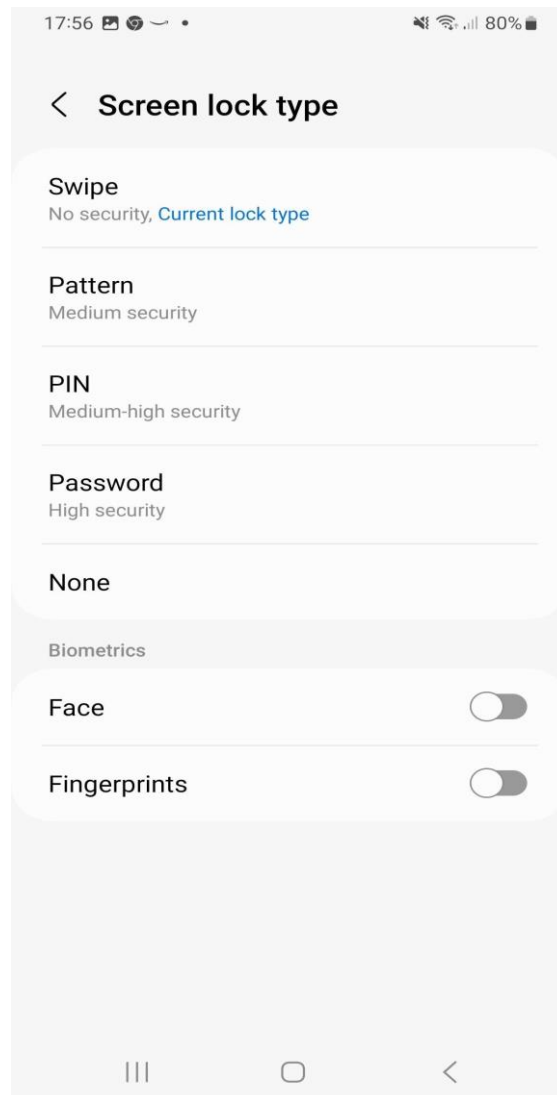
Please note that the screen shots are from a Samsung Galaxy A13.



2. Click on the settings app and it will take you to a list of items. You can access the screen lock either by clicking “Lock Screen” or “Security & Privacy”. In this case the security & privacy route is a little longer.



3, Select your preferred option for screen lock. As suggested at the meeting it would probably be best to use either "Pattern" or "PIN" as these are easier to remember and actually do on the phone.



4, The screen that come next are protected so no screen shots are available. Just follow the instructions on your chosen screen lock type.

If you are using a different make of phone you might find access to the lock screen is through "Password & Security" or something similar.