

Android Phone Group February 2024, Martyn Radcliffe

A good crowd of 20 people gathered on the 1st February at the Guide Hut clutching Android phones of many makes and models.

Last time we had dealt with putting a pin or password on mobile devices and we continued that by discussing passwords and the need for them to be anonymised ensuring that they could not be guessed.

The issue of long difficult passwords was addressed with several options put forward for keeping them safe but accessible.

A discussion was had about “the cloud” and how data is stored in server farms across the world and how that data is kept safe. As well as emphasising the need for antiviral software on Android phones and tablets when accessing the web.

We looked at apps in general from downloading from Google Play and why free apps have advertising or premium versions allowing developers to offer free versions but allowing some revenue to be generated.

Lastly the group found, AVG free anti-virus software on google play (it was explained what the difference between a sponsored item showing in a search and one that appears from the search criteria entered). It was then installed on handsets and a scan done of the individual phone.

The next meeting will be on 7th March 2024, 2pm at the Guide HQ, Birch Road when we will look at backing up and downloading from Android to other devices