

## **iPad and iPhone Group Report – April 2025 – Mike Sweeting**

Our opener normally has a security theme and this month it was online security with the emphasis on identity theft of which 74,000 cases were reported in 2024. The Group's attention was also drawn to a new area on their devices under iCloud in Settings entitled 'Learn more about online safety'. This is UK specific and links in the UK bodies that are supposed to offer some protection.

To finish of the topic of passwords started last month we discussed 'passkeys'. These are designed to replace passwords and will be introduced by the sites we interact with and will be much more secure. Existing examples include Amazon and PayPal.

Finally we looked at iCloud.com and FindMy. The latter provides protection for lost and stolen devices and the ability to keep in contact with your nearest and dearest. FindMy links in with iCloud.com which mirrors online many of the apps and functions on the iPad and iPhone. It can also be used to access FindMy functions if you do not have access to an iPhone or iPad. We also had a play with an AirTag.

The next meeting will be on 27 May 2024 at 1:30pm in Enterprise House on the Harmire Estate.