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## **Small Businesses Get Advice Thanks to Police Authority**

Humberside Police Authority is urging small businesses to 'Trade Online, Safely, Securely and Legally'.

The Authority co-sponsored a conference on the subject, hosted by the Business Crime Reduction Centre, where a number of high profile speakers gave the benefit of their experience and offered a wealth of advice to those concerned about the risks of online trading.

Over one hundred delegates from the Humberside and South Yorkshire Region turned out to hear presentations from the Rt Hon Alun Michael MP and Assistant Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police Max Sahota as well as a host of specialists in the field of online security.

Subjects included:

- How to start gearing up your site to accept online payments
- All legal aspects of trading online and how to mitigate risk
- The threats to your business of trading online
- The Police perspective on E-crime
- Expert advice from leading online payment providers

John Mabbett, Consultation and Partnership Manager for Humberside Police Authority, said: "Humberside Police Authority recognises that the business community can be exposed to a range of criminal activity. I was pleased therefore that we could be involved in providing an event that hopefully was of benefit to our business community.

"It became clear during the day both from the presentations and from talking to small business holders that online crime can have a very negative impact on business. One of the local priorities in our policing plan for the year is commercial burglary,

"Online theft is just the same in reality, it is stealing."

"We have received some tremendously positive feedback and I will be taking forward a number of issues that arose from the conference. Many said that they felt having identified the issues, they were better placed to deal with them. Those that attended felt that it was a particularly successful conference and worth doing again."

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