



Welcome to CyberNorth's July Newsletter

CyberNorth is working to support the growth and development of the whole cyber security community across the North East region.

Our July newsletter is filled with our latest updates, recent and future events, and member news. Time to take read and enjoy. ☕

A Fond Farewell



Last week, our Founder and Director, Phil Jackman, enjoyed his last day of working life as he headed off to enjoy his retirement.

From all of the CyberNorth team, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Phil for everything he has done for our sector, the region and for the support he's given to us as individuals.

Phil's legacy is one we want to remember and as such, we've created The Jackman Fund - a fund that will administer small grants to young people, career changers, veterans and career returners looking to get into cyber security.

As you know, Phil is a passionate advocate of the sector and his beloved North East. He sees cyber as a way to create sustainable employment opportunities for future generations in the region and this fund would help those people get into their new career. If you would like to find out more about the fund and how to donate, simply click on the link below.

Phil has reflected on his time with CyberNorth, achievements and plans for the future in a heartfelt message to our members, colleagues and friends and also on a podcast with our CEO, Danielle Phillips, these can be found via the links below.

[The Jackman Fund](#)

[Listen to Phil's Podcast](#)

[Read Phil's Message](#)

New Podcast Episode

NEW PODCAST EPISODE!

‘IT’S CYBER UP NORTH’

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Innovation & Investment

Join CyberNorth Director, Phil Jackman, as he chats with Naomi Allen Seales and Connor Greig, discussing why innovation & investment is the key to the North East's success.

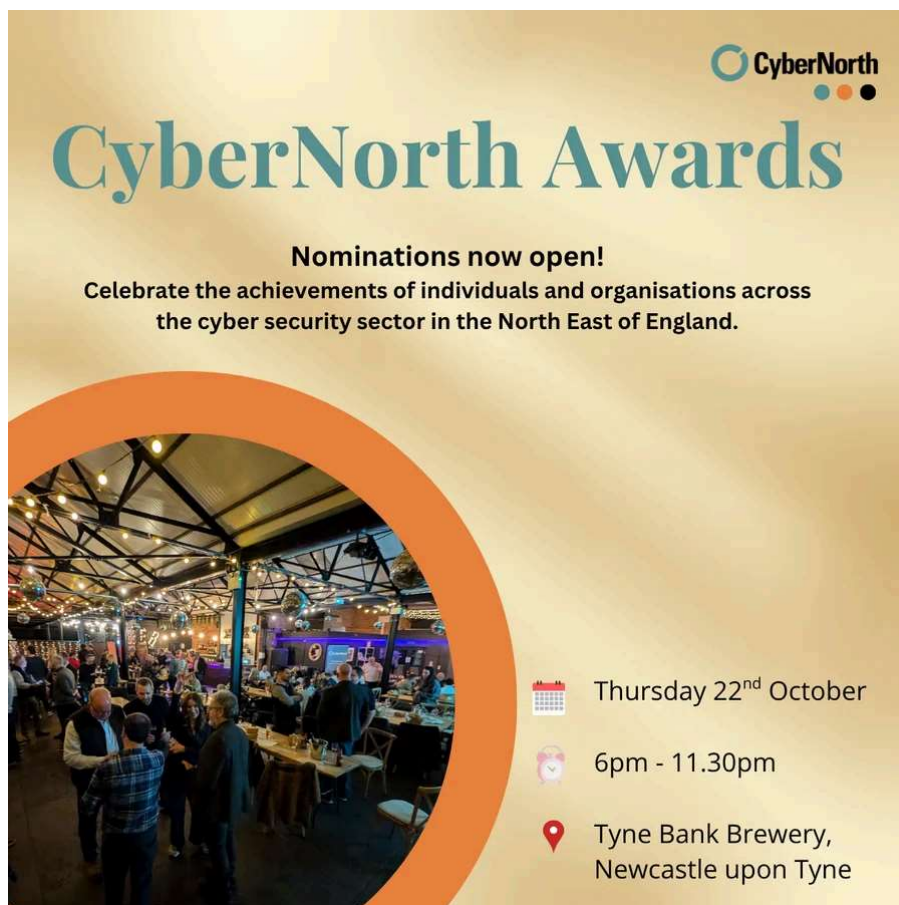
The graphic features a teal background with a white microphone on the right. Three circular headshots of the guests are arranged horizontally. The CyberNorth logo is in the top right corner. A white soundwave graphic is positioned behind the microphone.

Innovation & Investment - is that the key to the North East's growth?

In our latest edition of 'It's Cyber Up North', CyberNorth's Phil Jackman chats to Investment Manager at North Star Ventures, Naomi Allen Seales and CEO of OneClickComply, Connor Greig. Listen in as they discuss innovation & investment in the region and how businesses can access funding & finance.

[Listen Here](#)

CyberNorth Awards Are Open!

A promotional poster for the CyberNorth Awards. The background is a warm, golden-yellow gradient. In the top right corner is the CyberNorth logo, which consists of a stylized 'C' made of three colored dots (blue, orange, black) followed by the text 'CyberNorth'. The main title 'CyberNorth Awards' is written in a large, bold, teal-colored serif font. Below the title, the text 'Nominations now open!' is in a smaller, bold, black sans-serif font. Underneath that, a line of text reads 'Celebrate the achievements of individuals and organisations across the cyber security sector in the North East of England.' in a black sans-serif font. On the left side, there is a circular inset image with an orange border showing a group of people in a dimly lit, industrial-style venue with exposed beams and string lights, likely the event location. To the right of this image, there are three lines of text, each preceded by a small icon: a calendar icon for 'Thursday 22nd October', a clock icon for '6pm - 11.30pm', and a location pin icon for 'Tyne Bank Brewery, Newcastle upon Tyne'.

Nominations are now open for the CyberNorth awards!

Celebrating the very best in cybersecurity innovation and impact across the North East. Whether you're innovating, supporting the community or a company leading the charge in digital resilience, now's the time to be recognised.

The awards shine a spotlight on individuals and organisations making a real difference in the region's growing cyber ecosystem. Don't miss your chance to be part of it, submit your nomination today and help showcase the incredible talent shaping the future of cybersecurity.

Keep an eye on your inbox next week for an exclusive CyberFest focused newsletter too.

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

Welcoming our Canadian cyber counterparts



In partnership with UKC3, British Columbia Canada, Ontario Canada and The Canadian Cybersecurity Cluster, we were delighted to attend last month's cyber security insights briefing at Canada House in London.

Key topics included, evolving threats & SME resilience, cross-border R&D and investment and strengthening international networks. The event was a fantastic opportunity to gain further knowledge on the Canadian cyber security market, the opportunities for our region and how we can support moving forwards.

CyberNorth at Westminster



CyberNorth was honoured to attend the Lumi.Network dinner at the historic Houses of Parliament last month.

With fantastic conversations around the role of AI and cyber in the growth development of the North East, we're thrilled to partner with Lumi on this ground-breaking educational approach.

As we continue to spearhead the growth of our thriving cyber security ecosystem within our region, it's essential we have the opportunity to promote our members and the work we're doing now and in the future to ensure the North East is a safe region to do business.

NWG Work Experience Festival



Next week, our team will be flying the flag for the North East cyber security sector as we take part in the Northumbrian Water Young Citizens Work Experience Festival.

With over 400 Year 10 students expected to attend, this is a fantastic opportunity to inspire young people, provide hands on experience, nurture and develop their skills and also, have fun!

We're looking forward to see if the students can crack the Cyber Heist online game!

Find out more about the festival

Find us on Instagram



Big news from the digital frontier, CyberNorth has officially joined Instagram!

Expect a delightful chaos of behind-the-scenes tech wizardry, cryptic memes, pixel-perfect snapshots and maybe even a rogue robot selfie or two.

So, if your feed deserves a hit of all things cyber, give us a follow @cybernorthbiz

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UKC3 Clusters News



UKC3, the UK's 'Super Connector', enables and empowers regional cyber clusters across the nation.

The clusters, of which we're proud to be a part of, play a vital role in supporting growth of the cyber sector and are uniquely positioned with regional focus and presence, actively engaged communities and relationships on the ground.

- **NI Cyber** - All Island Cyber Security Sector Report. [Read the report here](#)
- 23rd July - **Yorkshire Cyber Security Cluster** - [Technical Masterclass](#): Quantum Computing and The Threat to Encryption

If you would like to know more about our sister clusters across the nation or find out about further opportunities in other regions, contact us [via hello@cybernorth.biz](mailto:hello@cybernorth.biz)

New members roundup



We were delighted to welcome a new member to the CyberNorth cluster in July.

- [Oranje Compliance](#) - Empowering businesses to navigate compliance and operational challenges with structured solutions, adaptive strategies and a human-first approach.

Want to find out more about CyberNorth membership? Contact the team and let's chat.

Become a Member

July Events Roundup

Don't forget, if you've got a cyber security related event, send it to our team and we'll feature it on our website, newsletter and social media. email hello@cybernorth.biz and we'll do the rest.

- 📅 3rd - [Cyber & Fintech Collaboration Group](#)
- 📅 7th - 10th [Northumbrian Water's Innovation Festival](#)
- 📅 8th - [Defence Simulation Education & Training](#)
- 📅 10th - [Net-Defence Pizza & networking social](#)
- 📅 17th - [CyberSips](#) at the 5G Immersive Lab
- 📅 22nd - [North East Ladies Hacking Society](#)

Register for Events

Get Involved



If you work, study or are interested in cyber security then CyberNorth is your community. Do get involved!

MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE:

- Come along to our events and encourage others too
 - Let us know your news for us to share
 - Volunteer to speak at an event, write a blog post or take part in our podcast
 - Provide content for the website, including your own organisation's events
 - Amplify our message by commenting on, sharing or liking our social media
 - Suggest ideas for future initiatives
 - Encourage your colleagues to become part of CyberNorth
 - Tell people outside the region about what is going on
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About CyberNorth

www.cybernorth.biz

CyberNorth is the region's cybersecurity community, supported by Accenture, UK Cyber Cluster Collaboration and recognised by the Department for Science, Information and Technology (DSIT) and the National Cyber Security Centre as representing the region. It is part of the UK Cyber Cluster Collaboration (UKC3) and Global Epic.

CyberNorth is working to support all organisations across the regional cybersecurity ecosystem including cybersecurity service suppliers, consumers of cybersecurity services, academia, government, other public sectors including blue light organisations, media and policy makers.

Our aim is to position the North East as a great place to deliver cybersecurity services.

Contact us

If you would like any further information on the contents of this newsletter, or any other related issue then please contact us at hello@cybernorth.biz

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