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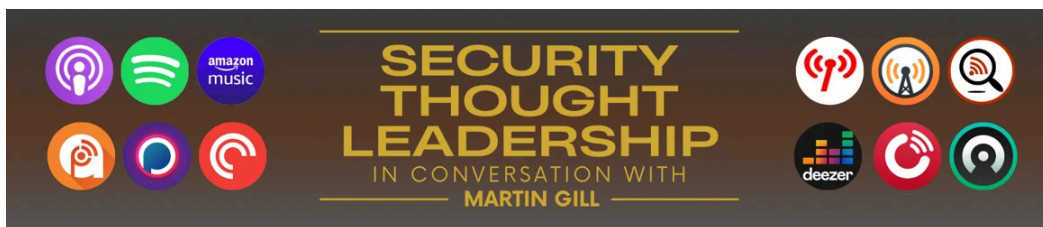
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Thought Leadership - May 2024

Welcome to the May edition of our *Security and Risk Thought Leadership Newsletter* in which we connect you with innovative ideas and new research. In this edition:

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If you have any comments, questions or a suggestion for something we should cover, drop me an email - [Dr Janice Goldstraw-White, Thought Leadership Editor](#)



Our new Security Thought Leadership Podcast is now live

We are pleased to announce that our new podcast "Security Thought Leadership: in conversation with Professor Martin Gill" was launched on Monday 13th May and broadcasts captivating discussions with industry thought leaders who are shaping the future of the security sector. It is Available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon, and all major platforms.

Tune in now and decide what you think, you may be outraged, you will likely be informed, and you will certainly witness a distinct take on security from those quite happy to tread - maybe even stamp - on ground, others would avoid!

For the past few years, we've been hosting thought leadership webinars, (all 190 are now accessible as podcasts too), these interviews enable us to approach security thought leadership in a different way.

These and links to your preferred platform can be accessed here: www.securityinconversation.com

The first two episodes (with [Dr Richard Diston](#) and [Brian Allen](#) respectively) are available to listen to now and future broadcasts include:

- 27th May 2024: Bonnie Michelman
- 3rd June 2024: Professor Gloria Laycock
- 10th June 2024: Daniel Lewkovitz
- 17th June 2024 Peter O'Neil



Launch of the Fire Resilience Excellence Awards (FREAs)

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Fire Resilience Excellence Awards (FREAs). The FREAs recognise outstanding performance in tackling fires and improving resilience to them. They are sponsored by [AXA](#), the UK's leading insurance company, and are being set up in collaboration with key fire and resilience associations and groups, including BAFE, BAFSA, CABE, the Emergency Planning Society, FIA, Fire Sector Federation, FPA, IFSM, NSI, Skills for Security, SSAIB and WFS.

Sponsorship is available for those organisations wishing take advantage of the many benefits associated with sponsoring these prestigious awards and the brochure can be viewed here. More information about the FREAs, including how to enter can be found here: www.thefreas.com



Tackling Economic Crime Awards (TECAs) entries now open

We are pleased to announce that entries to the 2024 TECAs, sponsored by Altia, are now open. All those working in the economic crime sector are encouraged to nominate themselves or others who have made a significant contribution in tackling all areas of crime, such as fraud, money laundering, bribery and corruption, tax evasion, counterfeiting and corporate espionage. The awards have been running for six years and acknowledge individuals, teams, initiatives, and companies working in the UK across the public, private and third sectors, and also include for the second year, a category for those operating outside of the UK.

The entry process is open until 1st August 2024 and nominations can be made here: www.thetecas.com/enter

Winners will be announced at a gala dinner to be held at the Novotel London West on Friday, 15 November 2024, following our second Thought Leadership Summit held in the afternoon which is sponsored by [Greylist Trace](#) and supported by [UKFF](#). Details and bookings for the Summit can be found here: www.thetecas.com/thought-leadership-summit



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Winners of the inaugural Security & Safety Entrepreneur Awards (SSEAs) announced

The SSEAs took place in collaboration with The Security Event at the NEC in Birmingham on 30th April 2024, and were joined by founding supporters from BSI, The Banks Foundation and Skills for Security.

Professor Martin Gill founder of the SSEAs commented "We are thrilled by the success of the inaugural Security and Safety Entrepreneur Awards; the number and quality of entries we received in our first year was truly fantastic, all those who were nominated should feel a profound sense of pride in their accomplishments and especially the winners."

A list of the winners can be seen here: www.thesseas.com/winners-of-the-inaugural-security-safety-entrepreneur-awards-sseas-announced/



Last chance to take part in our Research Survey: Optimising Police-Security Sector Collaboration

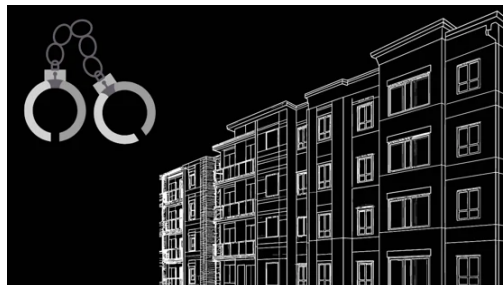
Arguably the private security sector is rich in number and knowledge, with considerable potential to help protect the public. Meanwhile police forces are generally viewed to be under resourced. It would seem a natural conclusion to suggest that the two work together wherever possible. But while there are examples of good work, there is little evidence to suggest any coordinated approach is underway to maximise the potential of the private security sector to work collaboratively with the police. We are seeking the views of security professionals on: the current status of partnership working, the benefits and barriers to working together, and potential areas for future collaboration. The aim of the study is to improve the evidence base on successful ways of working together.

You can share your views, anonymously, via our survey. It is open to any type of security professional/expert. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and the deadline for responses is Tuesday 28th May 2024.

To begin the survey please click here: <https://www.surveylegend.com/s/5k4q>

All participants are given the opportunity to automatically receive a free copy of the findings once the report is published in the Autumn of 2024.

The research is being undertaken under the umbrella of the Security Research Initiative - www.perpetuityresearch.com/security-research-initiative/



2023 Commercial Victimization Survey Published

Professor Martin Gill is an advisor to the Government on the 2023 Commercial Victimization Survey (CVS) which was published at the beginning of May and provides data on crimes affecting businesses in England and Wales, including prevalence, frequency, impact, and prevention strategies. Key findings highlight the extent of various crimes, such as theft and fraud, their financial impacts on businesses, and the effectiveness of existing security measures. The survey also explores business attitudes towards crime reporting and police engagement. This latest survey continues a series initiated in 1994, offering valuable insights for policymakers and business owners to enhance security and mitigate risks. The survey found that theft remains the most prevalent crime, with over 40% of businesses experiencing

some form of theft, particularly shoplifting, which significantly impacts the retail sector. Fraud was also notable, with around 24% of businesses reporting incidents, often involving online or cyber fraud, reflecting the growing digital risks businesses face. Additionally, vandalism and assaults against staff were reported, with the hospitality sector seeing a rise in such incidents. The survey emphasised the need for businesses to enhance their security measures, particularly in the areas of cyber security and physical protection, to mitigate these risks.

Read the report findings in full: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/crime-against-businesses-findings-from-the-2023-commercial-victimisation-survey>

What do you think? How can businesses in the retail and hospitality sectors, which are heavily impacted by crimes like shoplifting and vandalism, rethink their strategies to protect their assets and staff? In what ways can policymakers collaborate with the private sector to address the specific security challenges faced by businesses, as identified in the 2023 CVS?



UK Government Unveils Tough Measures to Combat Retail Crime

The UK government has announced they will implement stringent measures to combat retail crime and safeguard local businesses. Serial or abusive shoplifters will face harsh penalties, including potential imprisonment for up to six months, unlimited fines, and bans from revisiting targeted shops. Assaulting retail workers will become a standalone criminal offence, punishable by imprisonment and fines, with the possibility of life sentences for severe cases. Additionally, offenders may be required to wear tracking tags to monitor their movements, serving as a deterrent. The government will also pilot community sentencing measures to address repeat offences, alongside ramping up the use of facial recognition technology to identify and apprehend criminals. The government hope that these actions complement existing initiatives under the police's Retail Crime Action Plan, reflecting a comprehensive approach to tackling retail crime.

Read the announcement in full: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-launches-retail-crime-crackdown>

What do you think? What are your thoughts on the UK government's decision to implement stricter measures to combat retail crime? Do you believe that measures such as tracking tags and facial recognition technology are effective deterrents for criminals? In your opinion, what role should community sentencing play in addressing repeat retail crime offenders?



Serious Fraud Office (SFO) Launch their 2024-29 Strategy

The SFO's Strategic Plan for the coming years underscores its commitment to tackling fraud, bribery, and corruption through a multi-faceted approach. Central to this strategy is the recruitment and retention of top talent across various professions, staying abreast of technological advancements, and enhancing expertise in intelligence gathering and proactive enforcement.

Collaboration, both domestically and internationally, is emphasised to maximise impact, alongside consultation with stakeholders and support from law enforcement partners. With the recognition of the escalating threat posed by financial crimes, the SFO aims to adapt and evolve, reinforcing its messaging and approach as a strong, dynamic, and pragmatic organisation. Faster case progression, bold decision-making, and positioning as the preferred partner for collaboration are key objectives, all contributing to a vision that exudes excitement and ambition for the future of the SFO.

Read the report findings in full: <https://www.sfo.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/SFO-2024-29-Strategy.pdf>

What do you think? Considering the SFO's focus on mobilising expertise in intelligence gathering and proactive enforcement, how do you envision this approach strengthening its capabilities in preventing fraud and corruption? How can the SFO further reinforce its messaging and approach as a strong, dynamic, and pragmatic organisation to instil confidence among stakeholders and the public?



Secure yet seamless security in financial services?

A recent report by AtData, entitled "Secure yet Seamless: Balancing Authentication and User Experience in Digital Financial Services," explores the delicate balance between security and user experience in digital finance. It reveals that:

These findings underscore the need for financial institutions to innovate in authentication technology, providing both security and seamless user experiences to build trust and confidence in digital financial services.

- 72% of users prioritise ease of use over security
- 89% express concerns about the security of their financial data online
- 63% of financial institutions are investing in biometric authentication
- 78% of consumers expect financial service providers to offer multi-factor

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Read the report findings in full: <https://atdata.com/pdfs/secure-yet-seamless/>

What do you think? How do you think financial institutions can build trust and confidence among users who are increasingly concerned about online security? What role do you think user education plays in achieving a balance between security and ease of use? In your opinion, what are the potential risks and benefits of financial institutions heavily investing in biometric and multi-factor authentication technologies?

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This Month's Quiz

Fit 10 six-letter words into the grid so that each links with the word on its left and beginning of the one on the right. Example: FISH [MARKET] TRADER. Unscramble the letters in the shaded squares to reveal a security-related word. Please submit your one-word answer here [\[https://www.surveylegend.com/s/5mao\]](https://www.surveylegend.com/s/5mao)

A winner will be selected at random from the correct entries and will receive a copy of the book "Contagion, Counter-Terrorism and Criminology" by Claire Hamilton, which is a part of Professor Martin Gill's 'Crime Prevention and Security Management series'.

Check back in next month's newsletter for the answer and a new quiz to enter.



Did you know? – The invention of the computer mouse

The first computer mouse was invented by Douglas Engelbart, an American engineer, in the early 1960s. The prototype was primarily made of wood with two metal wheels that moved in one direction only across surfaces and was inspired by mechanical area-measuring devices called planimeters invented in the 1800s. In the mid-1960s, engineers from Germany's Telefunken also created a mouse using an upside-down trackball, which became the conventional design for many years.

World Excellence Awards Calendar

Event	Entries Open	Entries Close	Finalists Announced	Awards Presentation
Nigeria OSPAs	Entries are closed.	Entries are closed.	Finalists Announced!	9th May 2024
Southern Africa OSPAs	Entries are closed.	Entries are closed.	Finalists Announced!	11th June 2024
US OSPAs	Entries are Open!	11th June 2024	16th July 2024	22nd September 2024
Germany OSPAs	Entries are Open!	24th June 2024	24th July 2024	September 2024
Australia OSPAs	Entries are Open!	9th August 2024	6th September 2024	24th October 2024
Kenya OSPAs	Entries are Open!	20th August 2024	23rd September 2024	16th October 2024
Norway OSPAs	Entries are Open!	27th August 2024	30th September 2024	31st October 2024
TECAs	Entries are Open!	1st August 2024	12th September 2024	15th November 2024

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