

## Support for Windows 2003 Rapidly Approaches End of Life

Users of Microsoft Windows 2003, including the Microsoft Small Business Server 2003, will lose their support from Microsoft on 14th July 2015.

If this is you and you are still holding onto your 2003 server then be prepared for:

- No further technical support or updates from Microsoft
- Serious risk of downtime causing disruption to the working day
- Your data security being at serious risk
- Potential suspension of some certifications

There's no need to worry, just don't wait until it's too late!

You don't need to replace your servers, with the deadline being 12 months away there is still plenty of time to complete a full IT review which presents the perfect opportunity to look into our simple and cost effective remedy. 'The Clerk's Tool Box' is the ideal solution. The application portfolio held on our servers based in Plymouth is tailored entirely to the administrative needs of the clerk allowing them to run their council efficiently and effectively.

### Welcome

We are really pleased to be able to welcome the following new customers:

- East Preston Parish Council
- South Petherton Parish Council
- Bicester Town Council
- Cullumpton Parish Council
- Felixstowe Town Council
- Church Stretton Town Council
- Cirencester Town Council
- Chepstow Town Council
- Evesham Town Council



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**TALK TO US:** We would love to know who has worked the furthest from the servers in Plymouth.

Bruce Poole from Bleadon Parish Council travelled to Majorca and accessed his data approx. **1111** miles away!

**SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES:** Please do write in to us and tell us how working with Microshade VSM has made your life easier or saved your bacon. The most exciting situation will be printed in the next issue.



## Coming Soon...Hosted Microsoft Exchange

With the demise of Server 2003 next year, the inclusive version of Microsoft Exchange shipped with Small Business Server will be withdrawn too.

**Microsoft**

What does this mean? It means that if you are using this now, as of next year you will have to invest in a new licence and software if you wish to continue utilising this service.



Here at Microshade we are in the process of developing servers to offer hosted Microsoft Exchange as part of our ever increasing portfolio of applications.



Amongst many others the main features to Microsoft Exchange are:



- Emails arrive 'Real Time' and are much easier to use and administer with centralised address lists and groups as a key feature.
- Users can share any kind of information including calendar, mailbox, contact info, appointments and tasks, to selected members of staff.
- The meeting planner feature allows you to select users for a meeting, check each user's calendar, notify each user and update their calendars with the scheduled meeting.
- It provides a simple tool to notify others when you are out of the office.

Hosting of Microsoft Exchange is the way forward. There are so many features and benefits open to you and your council to enjoy without ever having to invest in or re-invest in the server set up. The fundamental ones you will enjoy initially are:

- Always on the latest version of the Microsoft Exchange server set up
- More cost effective and no capital investment
- Remove the cost of hardware replacement
- Remove the cost of maintenance
- Scalability and flexibility

**Watch this space for news of when we will be launching our hosted Microsoft Exchange facility.**

**DMH Solutions Ltd.**



### YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE

We are currently researching the possibility of offering a Document Management System via our servers in Plymouth. This is the digital storage of all your archive paperwork with fast electronic retrieval. We are unable to give precise costing's right now but our initial investigations are suggesting it will be affordable.

**If this would be of interest please contact either Maxine, Stuart or Jan.**

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*" Our way of working has been revolutionised, and this is certainly a change to be warmly embraced. We would highly recommend others in the public sector to follow our suit"*

Karen Wright, Town Clerk  
Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council

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