

Computer Corner

Windows 10 Released

From July 29th, Microsoft have been progressively making Windows 10 available. Don't worry if you haven't been notified that your upgrade is ready, it is happening in rotation. At the time of writing I haven't yet been offered the upgrade on my desktop. You have up to one year to decide whether to install Windows 10 before the free offer expires.

What's Different About Windows 10?

Microsoft hope that Windows 10 combines the best features of Windows 7 and 8. The most obvious is that the Start button and its associated menu has returned, and combines elements of Windows 7 and 8. There are many resources out there which go into detail on Windows 10 that you can find using your search engine. This is Microsoft's own introduction:

www.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows/features

This review is an example of one which highlights the new features:

www.trustedreviews.com/opinions/windows-10-features

Any Issues So Far?

One resident who upgraded to Windows 10 encountered a major problem with Outlook 2007 such that he lost all his contacts and has reverted to Windows 8. I have Windows 10 on my laptop with no problems so far but it has not had heavy use compared to my desktop.

When Should I Upgrade?

Unless you have a compelling desire or reason to do so, I still recommend that you delay upgrading for 3 months or so to allow time for any major issues not apparent in testing to be fixed.

In the next Computer Circle Programme, due to start in October, I will be covering Windows 10.

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