



Housing Group Chooses Trend Micro™ Solutions to Secure the Company's Infrastructure at Multiple Points

Circle Anglia owns more than 25,500 homes and manages almost 33,000 properties across London and nearby communities. Aiming to deliver 2,000 new affordable homes a year by 2010, Circle Anglia requires a secure infrastructure that protects private investor, employee, and customer data. The secure network enables productive operations on 1,000 desktops spread across more than eight large sites and 100 smaller, remote locations.

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KEY BENEFITS

- Protection built in at multiple points in the network
- Appliance solution offloads gateway server and keeps unwanted malware and content off network
- Real-time protection to prevent outbreaks from spreading
- User-friendly Web-based browser access for control and monitoring

Needing the Best and Wanting the Easiest

Circle Anglia builds and sells homes, manages properties, and brings subsidized housing to needy families in England. The company has aggressive goals that can be reached only with determination and an unwavering focus on their ability to deliver housing services. Security management—while essential for the survival of their business—is not their focus. “Our users are not very technology-savvy,” said Adam Plant, network and security manager for Circle Anglia. “And we have no in-house experts to keep up with all the various threats such as spyware. We have to team up with a security vendor that we trust to give us the best possible platform. Having easy management capabilities and being totally non-disruptive to our users are also vital requirements for our security solutions.”

Building a Strong Foundation

The Circle Anglia team may not include security experts, but the company has a track record of choosing its partners wisely. They called on the security consultants at Clearview Systems to make sure that they deployed state-of-the-art solutions. Clearview recommended Trend Micro solutions and through the years, Circle Anglia has come to rely solely on a combination of Trend Micro products.

As the company has grown and threats have evolved, they have added protection. Recently, they were still predominantly relying on software solutions. These included:

- Trend Micro™ OfficeScan™ Client/Server Edition and ServerProtect™ to protect clients and servers from viruses, Trojans, spyware, and other threats
- Trend Micro InterScan™ Messaging Security Suite and InterScan Web Security Suite for comprehensive e-mail protection and protection from Web-based threats at the Internet gateway server

Two firewall appliances added another layer of protection, but the growing traffic and amount of spyware was increasing to levels that concerned the company. In particular, the gateway server was very heavily loaded with critical security tasks and they wanted a solution that would offload this bottleneck in the network. They felt it was time to add another layer of defense that could protect the network by catching unwanted content and threats before they impacted the gateway server or burdened the rest of the company's network.

Introducing an Appliance at the Gateway

Circle Anglia once again turned to Trend Micro, becoming one of the first customers to test the new Trend Micro InterScan Gateway Security Appliance. The appliance was easily deployed without requiring any changes to the existing firewall appliances and servers.



"Installation was extremely easy," said Plant. "The front display made it easy to set up, without fiddling with any cables. Once we had it in place, it formed a total block for unwanted content, operating in back of the firewall and in front of our network. The transparency of the device is essential for our environment. The InterScan Gateway Security Appliance gives us a single integrated solution for total protection from Internet-based viruses, spam, spyware, and other malware. It's offloaded our gateway server, freeing it up for other tasks, and has eliminated a bottleneck that was impacting overall network performance. It's a perfect solution for us."

Control and Real-Time Protection

Circle Anglia takes advantage of the browser-based management capabilities to control the security policies and monitor status. The combination of Trend Micro products also provides real-time protection for the mission-critical infrastructure at Circle Anglia. Plant explained, "Scheduled scans are not enough today, when viruses can spread in minutes. Since using Trend Micro solutions with real-time protection at the gateway, on PCs, and on servers, we have never had a virus outbreak and we have eliminated the problem of wasted storage due to spam. Even if something gets through one layer, we're confident that another layer will stop the damage from spreading and protect our private company data and passwords."

A Tradition of Excellence

"Our overall impression of Trend Micro is one of excellence—we've never had any problems with either hardware or software," said Plant. "The Web portal is easy to use, we avoid time-consuming cleanup efforts, and Trend Micro is continually improving technology and programs. The biggest challenge is keeping up with all the valuable information that they share with us."

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Corporate Profile

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Circle Anglia was formed in July 2005 from the merger of two well-established housing groups: Circle 33 and Anglia. It manages just less than 33,000 properties, making it one of the largest housing groups in the U.K. Circle Anglia provides a wide range of affordable housing choices, together with care and support packages that enable more vulnerable residents to maintain their tenancy. The organization's more commercial approach to development helps fund its affordable housing program. This includes developing properties for private sale, shared ownership, and market rent; providing leasehold management services; and including commercial premises as part of some mixed tenure schemes.

Industry/Vertical: Housing • **Number of Employees:** 1,000 to 1,500 employees

TREND MICRO PRODUCTS

**Trend Micro™ OfficeScan™
Client/Server Edition**

<http://www.trendmicro.com/en/products/desktop/osce/evaluate/overview.htm>

**Trend Micro™ InterScan™
Messaging Security Suite**

<http://www.trendmicro.com/en/products/gateway/ismss/evaluate/overview.htm>

**Trend Micro InterScan Gateway
Security Appliance**

<http://www.trendmicro.com/en/products/gateway/igsa/evaluate/overview.htm>

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