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# The Sentinel

Your Monthly Bulletin from the ASC



Delivering

Insights, Updates, and Opportunities.

# Introduction

Setting Benchmarks,  
**Leading Progress.**



## Simon Crane

ASC Chair

The conversations happening across the security profession today feel noticeably different from those of even a few years ago.

Discussions around integrated intelligence platforms, connected infrastructure, AI, and smart urban technologies are no longer focused on what might happen in the future. Increasingly, they are focused on what is already happening now. Technologies that were once considered emerging are becoming operational realities, bringing new opportunities, new expectations, and inevitably, new risks.

What strikes me is that while technology continues to advance at pace, many of the questions being asked remain fundamentally human. How do we assess risk? How do we build resilience? How do we ensure that innovation does not outpace governance, oversight, and good decision-making?

These are exactly the types of conversations I see taking place across the ASC membership. There is a growing recognition that keeping pace with change requires more than access to information. It requires perspective, judgement, coupled with the willingness to challenge assumptions — qualities that cannot be automated or templated, and that define what independent consultancy is for.

It is with that in mind that I want to draw your attention to what lies ahead. The Annual General Meeting on 10th June is the moment where the Association reaffirms its direction and appoints the Board that will lead it through a period of considerable change. Your participation in the voting process matters. The ASC's ability to remain credible, representative, and genuinely useful to its members depends on the engagement of those members at precisely these moments.

The ASC summer calendar continues to provide the space for this independent voice to be heard and recognised. Your expertise is what builds our collective reputation, and your participation ensures that the ASC continues to lead the way in setting industry standards.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Union Jack Club as we discuss the next steps together.

With that, I welcome you to the **May 2026 edition of The Sentinel.**

# Hear from our Board

## Michelle Elkins MBE

ASC Director for Communications



What does professional membership really mean in a world where information is available everywhere?

We can access expert commentary, legislation, industry updates and analysis at the touch of a button. AI will summarise lengthy reports in seconds. News travels globally in minutes. Yet despite having more information accessible than ever before, information saturation is challenging.

This is one reason the Association places such importance on creating opportunities for members to come together. Whether through seminars, webinars, consultations, industry discussions, or professional networking, individual interactions are opportunities to exchange experience, challenge assumptions, and gain perspectives that may not be available through formal guidance or published reports.

At its best, membership is as much about receiving information that you couldn't find elsewhere as it is about being part of a professional community that helps you interpret it. It is about having access to experienced peers, informed discussion, differing viewpoints, and the collective knowledge that only comes from professionals sharing 'real-world' experiences.

Recent discussions around Martyn's Law provide a good example. The legislation itself is publicly available, as is a significant amount of commentary surrounding it. However, what members often value most is the opportunity to hear how fellow professionals are communicating those developments, the questions they are asking, and the practical considerations they are already beginning to explore with clients and organisations.

As the profession continues to evolve, the value of organisations like the ASC lies not simply in keeping members informed, but in helping them remain prepared. Information may be available everywhere, in an increasingly noisy world, but trusted professional networks, constructive dialogue, and shared experience remain invaluable.



# Sentinel Scholarly

## Dennis Roe

ASC Director - Academic Engagement and Professional Development

## The **2026 ASC Awards** are now open! And....

The ASC award lineup shines a light on sector best practices, outstanding performance and exemplary initiatives. Our goal is to cultivate a culture of excellence and continuous learning within our community.

These awards not only celebrate exceptional achievements but also showcase inspiring examples that can educate and guide others. By highlighting innovative approaches and successful strategies, we aim to create a valuable repository of knowledge benefiting all association members. This knowledge base will ultimately enhance security within the wider communities we serve. Entries are now open and we encourage all ASC members and their organisations to participate. Your contributions to the risk and security sector is truly remarkable, and we want to highlight what you have done!



## Participation is completely FREE.

Our judging panels will select three finalists from each category and invite them as our guests to the ConSeC Awards Gala Dinner on **29th October at Hinxton Hall**.

Beyond being shortlisted, finalists will receive media recognition through posts and a dedicated section in the Sentinel discussing their entry. Finalists might even get a speaking or presentation slot at an ASC seminar or event. These benefits boost your PR, reach and sector awareness creating considerable opportunities to all that partake.

## AND ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ENTER!

You can see past examples of this PR by reviewing the January and April Sentinel editions covering last year's finalists, who then went on to present their work at the Winter and Spring ASC Seminars respectively.

January **Sentinel**

April **Sentinel**



## ASC Award Categories

**The Mike Cahalane RISC Award** is for Independent Registrant members who have undertaken a project or service using methods that can provide guidance to others. For further details and to submit your entry, please use the following link:

[Submit Here](#)



**The Mike Cahalane MASC Award** is primarily aimed at ASC members who hold the MASC post nominal (Affiliate, Executive, and Academic) AND/OR companies (including service providers, manufacturers, software developers, etc). This award recognises exemplary consultancy services, projects, research or developments, products or services (including installation services) or other works covered by these membership categories. Entries should provide practical examples and guidance that others can leverage to achieve the objective of improving security services, risk evaluation, research or developments. For further details and to submit your entry, please use the following link



[Submit Here](#)

University nominations are currently open for the esteemed Imbert Award, which is presented annually to recognise the most outstanding Master's Level Dissertation or Thesis on a security or risk-related subject within the United Kingdom. Universities can submit their nominations at the following link:

[Submit Here](#)



**IMBERT**  
Award

# ASC News and Updates

## 01 | Archery & Networking Day 2026 Members Only event

### Precision and Partnership

Our annual Archery and Networking Day on 15th May 2026 at the Wye Valley Archery Centre, offered members a much-needed break, enabling them to interact in a more relaxed environment. In addition to networking, there was a demonstration of remarkable concentration and competitive spirit on the range.



**Jimi Dicker** received this year's top honours, demonstrating exceptional consistency to take home the trophy!

We extend our sincere thanks to all who attended and contributed to making the day a fantastic opportunity to connect.

## 02 | Spring Seminar 2026 Actionable Insights on Unified Systems



Spring Seminar on the 20th May 2026 at the British Library, London, lived up to its theme, focusing on the "Nerve Centre of Security." The sessions explored the hardware of security to examine the critical role of Integrated Intelligence Platforms and PSIMs in modern infrastructure.

The day was characterised by a series of high-calibre presentations from industry-leading voices, providing a deeper look at how disparate security systems are being unified into a single, actionable operating picture. Alongside these sessions, our exhibitors showcased the practical application of these technologies, with hands-on demonstrations.

# Upcoming Events:

01

## An exclusive briefing on Martyn's Law Regulation



The Security Industry Authority will host an exclusive webinar for ASC members focused on the Section 12 Consultation under Martyn's Law, providing members with direct insight into one of the most significant pieces of security legislation currently shaping the UK security sector.

Webinar hosted by



Security Industry Authority

### Details:



4th June, Thursday



1100hrs BST

**Registrations Now Open**

**Exclusively for ASC members**, this webinar offers direct insight from the regulator into the evolving framework and what the industry should begin considering ahead of implementation.

As Martyn's Law moves towards implementation in Spring 2027, the session will explore the proposed guidance, compliance expectations, and implementation across the security sector, followed by a live Q&A ahead of the consultation closing in June 2026.

02



## AGM 2026



10th June 2026



Union Jack Club, London

### Deciding our direction, together.

The ASC Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for members to come together, hear key updates from the Association, and gain insight into the work, progress, and priorities shaping ASC.

This year's AGM will also include the announcement of the newly appointed ASC Board of Directors, marking an important step in the Association's next phase of leadership.

Join us for an afternoon with fellow ASC members to reconnect, exchange ideas, and discuss the future of independent security consultancy.



**Reserve your seat now**

## 03 | SJUK LEADERS IN SECURITY


### Leadership is more than position, it's the ability to navigate complexity

As the security landscape evolves, the need for clear thinking and practical insight continues to grow. ASC is proud to support this conversation as the Intellectual Partner of SJUK Leaders in Security.

Bringing together senior professionals from across the sector, the event creates space to explore challenges, share perspectives, and strengthen the role of consultancy within the wider profession.



## Upcoming Events:

 24th June 2026

 Manchester Deansgate, Manchester

[Reserve your seat now](#)

## 04 |





x  **Reliance**  
HIGH · TECH

### Moving past the hype to operational reality

This July, Reliance High-Tech is hosting a technical showcase designed specifically for those responsible for specifying, managing, and advising on modern security infrastructure.

Experience the operational reality through live technology demonstrations that solve legacy monitoring and detection challenges. You'll engage in expert-led briefings on migrating to cloud-managed ecosystems while troubleshooting hurdles.

 2nd July 2026

 The University of Chicago  
Booth School of Business,  
London

[Book Now](#)

# Upcoming Events:

## 06 | SecurityMATTERS LIVE

### 05 | FSM AWARDS

2 July 2026 • CBS ARENA • COVENTRY  
FIRE & SECURITY MATTERS AWARDS

#### Security Consultancy of the Year Award

Reserve Your Place

Recognition is more than a moment; it reflects the standards we set

The FSM Awards bring together the people and organisations raising the bar across the fire and security sectors. It's an evening dedicated to recognising those making a real impact in creating safer environments.

ASC is proud to support the awards and present the Security Consultancy of the Year Award celebrating those who demonstrate excellence, innovation, and leadership within the consultancy space.

2nd July 2026

Coventry Building Society Arena, Coventry



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#### Focus on security practice, technology, and legislation.

The event examines how the industry is changing and what businesses need to stay ahead through real demonstrations, expert-led seminars, and candid conversations.

It's an opportunity to learn new techniques, make connections with people in the industry, and obtain useful insights.

[Click here for more info](#)



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# Upcoming Events:

Mark your  
**Calendars for**



[See Brochure](#)

Now in its 32nd consecutive year, ConSeC remains the flagship conference of the Association of Security Consultants. As urban environments become more connected, the risks and responsibilities that come with them evolve rapidly. ConSeC 2026 will bring together senior independent consultants, principal practitioners, and key sector decision-makers to examine how security frameworks are adapting to modern infrastructure

Built entirely around expert interaction, shared knowledge, and addressing real industry challenges.

**Smart Cities – Smart Security:**  
Where Urban Innovation Meets  
Intelligent Solutions

Registrations Opening Soon!

**29<sup>th</sup>** October,  
2026



**hinxton  
hall**  
conference centre

🕒 09:00 AM – 05:00 PM

Delegates in  
attendance

**250+**

Organisations  
represented

**40+**

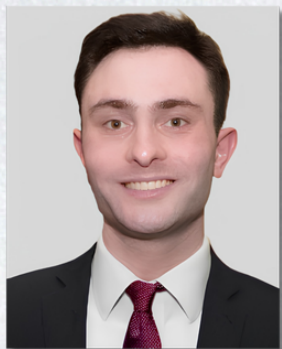
Expert speakers  
and contributors

**33+**

# Spotlight: Your Vote Matters

**Voting is now open for the ASC Board Elections 2026.**

The ASC Board plays a vital role in guiding the direction of the Association, supporting its members, and helping shape the future of independent security consultancy.



**Archie Philipps RISC**



**Christopher Aldous  
CSyP, RISC**



**Danny Moody CSyP, RISC**



**Frank Doherty RISC**



**Lee Doddridge RISC**



**Nigel Cook RISC**

Meet the six candidates stepping forward for this year's Board Election.

**Please review and cast your ballot.**

**Vote Now**



## **Polls Close**

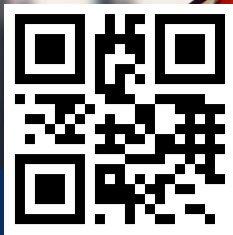
12:00 BST | 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Your vote helps shape the future direction of the Association.

- Support the continued development of professional standards
- Ensure the Board reflects the views and priorities of Members
- Influence the strategic direction of the Association
- Strengthen the voice of independent security consultants
- Play an active role in the governance of your professional body



# Looking Ahead, Strengthening the Independent Voice



Follow our journey



We extend our sincere gratitude for your continued dedication and the work we do together.

As we look towards June, the focus shifts to the governance and collaboration that keep our Association resilient. The upcoming Annual General Meeting is an important opportunity to engage with how we evolve as an Association and contribute to the direction ahead.

[Visit the ASC website](#)