Mendlesham Computer Club

Mobile Applications

What is a Mobile App?

- Mobile Apps are software designed to run on a Smartphone or Tablet.
- There are 3 funding methods
  - Completely Free
  - Advertising funded
  - Paid-for
- Most Paid-for Apps have a free version with less functionality or Adverts, consequently it is very rare that you need to buy an App.
- If you do have to pay, or there are in-App purchases e.g. Parking apps, then the purchase goes through the normal phone store (Apple store or Google Play) or is charged to the Credit Card you have associated with the App.

Are they safe and how do you install them?

- YES, technically they are safe because from the very beginning, both Apple and Google (Android) made it impossible to load an App onto a smartphone that they hadn't reviewed in detail and approved. Of course beware of how you use them and be conscious of what might happen if you lose your phone.

- Consequently you can only get Apps from the relevant store, look for App Store on Apple phones and the Google Play store on Android.

- From the store you can search for an App and click to install it. Apps will automatically install updates as they come along.

iPhone App Store

Android Play Store

Apps and Data

- Apps, particularly those which use video, can use a LOT OF DATA.

- To avoid using all of your monthly data allowance, you should consider only using these when you are connected to a WiFi network, even if it's a Hotspot rather than your 3G, 4G or 5G data connection.

What are the most popular and useful apps?

Social media

- WhatsApp
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter

Video calling

- Facetime
- Skype
- Zoom

Notes

- Evernote

Travel

- Greater Anglia
- Trainline
- Shipfinder
- Flightradar

Parking

- Ringo
- MiPermit

What are the most popular and useful apps?

Location Utilities

- Find my iPhone (Apple)
- Find my device (Android)
- <u>Tile</u>

Shopping

- Amazon
- eBay
- Tesco

Banking

- PayPal
- NatWest

Weather

- Met office
- Live lightning

Health

- NHS app

Entertainment

- BBC Sounds
- BBC iPlayer
- ITVx
- Kindle