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Stockport based Internet Service Provider Total Web Solutions has now been accredited by the big four banks to process 3-D Secure transactions through its Payment Gateway service. 3-D Secure (also known as Verified By Visa or Mastercard Secure Code) is now becoming the standard for companies wishing to accept credit card payments over the Internet. Total Web Solutions Director and CEO said “Although this technology has been difficult to implement it has been a worthwhile exercise in that now our customers can benefit from improved security and a reduced chargeback risk”.

Since the 1st July 2007 it has been a mandatory requirement that Maestro transactions that are transacted over the Internet must use the 3-D Secure mechanism. The 3-D Secure process requires a valid password to be entered when a cardholder makes a purchase over the Internet. This password is only known to the cardholder and thus ensures a stolen card cannot be used, by a fraudster, to purchase goods over the Internet.

UK banks backed by the card schemes, Visa and Mastercard, are now pushing this technology as part of a long list of new fraud prevention measures. Total Web Solutions is also advising its new and existing customers to take advantage of this technology to reduce charge back risk and to increase confidence to online purchasers.

Those wishing to know more about this service or indeed how to process credit cards over the Internet for their business should contact the Total Web Solutions Sales department on 0870 78 79 888. Total Web Solutions is hoping to hold a seminar on this technology in the coming months in conjunction with the Banks and Shopping Basket companies.

Total Web Solutions was established in 1995 and is a Payment Card Industry Accredited Company.