

Information and Community Development for Carers of Older People

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ABSTRACT

Carers of older people, many of whom are pensioners themselves, frequently feel isolated from their friends and in need of support. Due to their commitments to caring they do not dedicate as much of their time to socialising as they would like and do not have access to all information surrounding their job. The aim of this project is to investigate how modern technologies can be used to create an information and support network for carers enabling them to increase their level of communication with friends or other carers. Also, it aims to assist them to gain access to useful information with regards to benefits, services, or devices, available to them or the person that they are caring for. This project will demonstrate a modern technology containing many different features that is capable of bringing these carers together, providing them with all the right information and getting them actively involved.

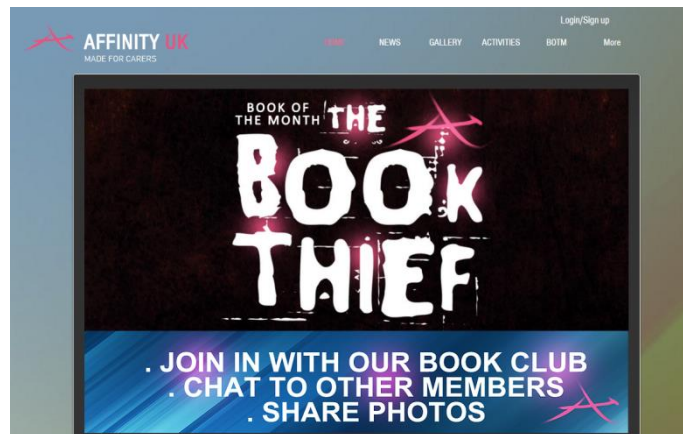


Figure 1. Website homepage

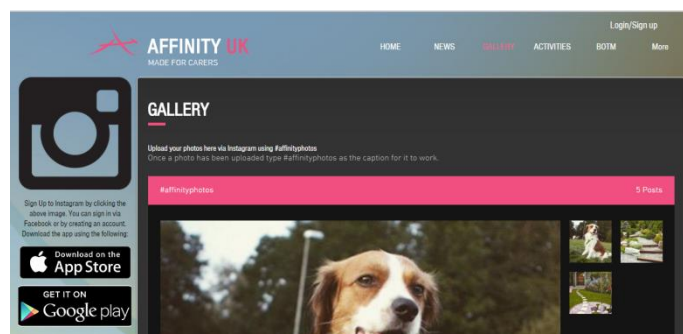


Figure 2. Website page

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