

The idea is to bring the town to life on the web and through forums.

Remember that what is normal and usual today may well not be normal or usual 100 years from now.

Each family could tell us about themselves and what they know of their ancestors, old family pictures, etc. What occupations they have and anything about that occupation.

Local businesses can tell us in amazing detail what they do. If you have someone that has local knowledge on some subject they could tell us a series of stories. Perhaps someone can tell you about every flower in the area so they take pictures and send them in with a description of the plant which might include when it flowers, any herbal benefit, etc.

Then on fishing we can go into as detailed an account as we can get. Nothing is too small to follow up on. Perhaps we can get the local school involved, local church, social clubs, etc. Perhaps local farmers could tell us about their day to day life. Talk about pets, hobbies, crafts, sports, music, ...

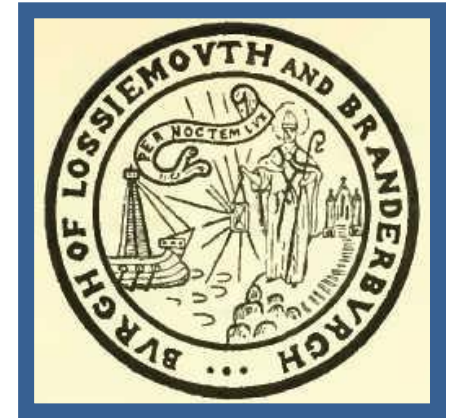
We can use the forums for people to tell us about themselves or just to chat with one another. I can add a calendar for the area so folk can list any events going on in the area. Where there is a local festival we can post up pictures and give any historical background about it.

The key to this is to get everyone involved from the local MSP, MP, Councillor, School Teachers, Doctors, Nurses, Ministers, Innkeepers, Fishing boat captains, etc, plumbers, carpenters, garbage collectors, electricians, etc.

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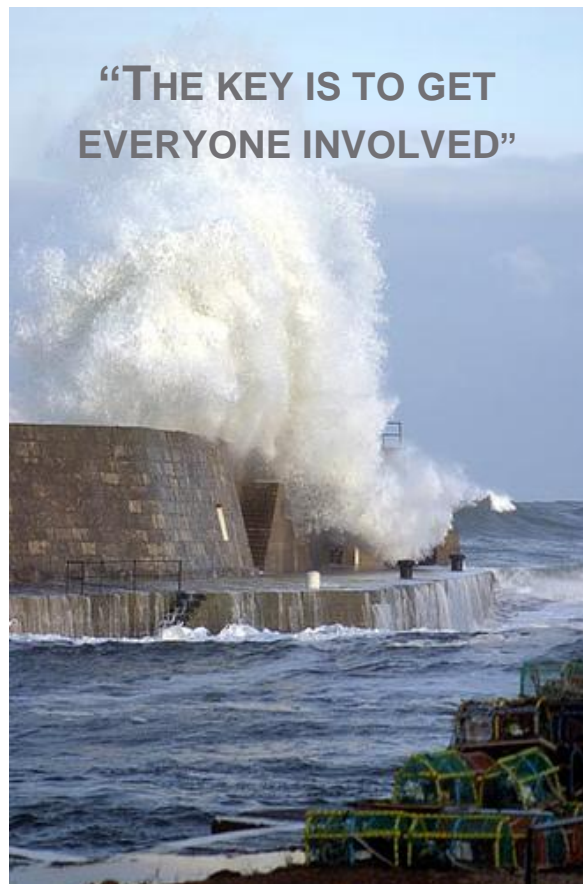
What's Already Happening..

Lossiemouth has been selected to be the first "virtual community" on a large North American web site that serves mainly expatriate Scots and their descendants in Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Europe, and other parts of the world. The facility has been established at absolutely no cost to Lossiemouth, and all material for posting will be inserted free by the Manager Alastair McIntyre KCTJ, FSA Scot., of Toronto, Ontario.

Skipper Jim Campbell is supplying the website with the Fishermen's Museum collection of fishing boat photographs, and has provided his own books of local tales and poetry to be included. By courtesy of Iona Kielhorn, a considerable amount of historical material from the Ramsay MacDonald collection has been offered for editing and display. The Moray Golf Club is the first of the local civic organisations to agree to contribute news and pictures of the course, its members and officers, and its annual competitions. The RAF station has responded willingly to the invitation to provide news and pictures of its activities. The Lossie churches fraternal has agreed to encourage their members and organisations to get involved. David Thomson will act as coordinator meantime. He has been in touch with some local civic groups including the Lossie Heritage Association, the Fishermen's Museum, and the constituency MP and MSP about the development. Letters have been sent to Hythehill and St Gerardine's primary schools and to the Lossie High School.

The web site manager, Alastair McIntyre, is willing to incorporate links in the web site to existing web sites about Lossiemouth, its attractions, and its personalities. He welcomes other groups to participate, particularly local businesses, sports clubs, youth organisations, churches, and special interest bodies, each of whom will have unique things to share, and numerous pictures from their records.

So far we have the framework for the virtual community web site, and it will be developed rapidly as material is provided by the community. There is no limit to the amount of material that may be sent, but as far as possible, the site manager requests good quality photographs.



MR MCINTYRE HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS :

- We need a history of Lossiemouth and if there is an out of copyright history of the area somewhere I can copy that onto the site as a base to work from.
- The Lossiemouth VC website will incorporate a Group for Lossiemouth with a number of forums under it. There will be forums for History, Families, Businesses, Schools, Churches, Organisations, Culture, Personalities, etc.
- We will need one or two really good maps of the area.
- There can be hundreds of pictures and themes for them. Like if someone could take pictures of every street and road. But also say flowers in the area over the 4 seasons. Walks you can take. Fishing, Yachting, Golf, Horse riding, Bowling, Surf-boarding, etc.
- Biographies of local families.
- Profiles of businesses.