



Beginner handout

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## What's on in your community

This activity will help you find local information online.

### What will I learn?

- How to find information about your local area
- How to find local news
- How to find out what's on

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## How do I do it?

Be safe! If you're using this hand-out on a shared or public computer, remember to:

- Log on using a 'strong password': one that includes upper and lower case letters, numbers, and isn't something that someone else could guess.
- Never share or write down your password.
- Log out when you're finished.



Up My Street home page

How do I find information about my local area?

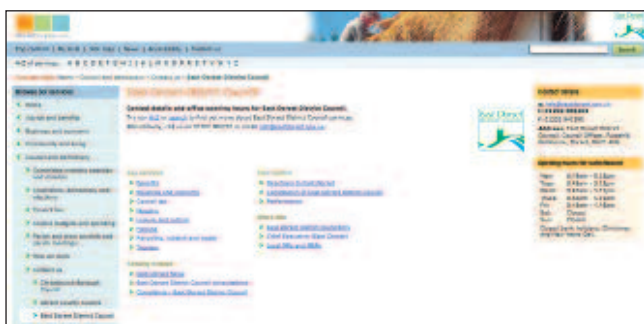
1. The Internet is a great way to find out more about where you live! You can find local maps, details of schools, places to visit and lots more.

2. Up My Street is one of many websites that provide information about your area:

- Go to the Up My Street web link (web links are listed under 'Useful links').
- Enter your postcode into the search box and click to search.
- Now click on the 'Find my nearest' tab at the top of the page. The Find my nearest web page gives you lots of categories to explore. Can you find your nearest:
  - swimming pool
  - youth centre
  - fish and chip shop?

3. You can also get lots of information from your local council's website. To find their website you'll need to know the name of your local council:

- Go to a search engine, such as Google (see Useful Links).
- Enter the name of your local council into the search bar (e.g. East Dorset District Council) and click to search.
- Look for your council's website in the search results (their web address will often end with '.gov.uk').
- Click on the search result to go to their website. Can you find information on:
  - local museums
  - help and advice for young people
  - local libraries?



Example of local council home page: East Dorset

4. Search engines are a great way to find out even more about where you live:

- Enter where you live into a search engine.
- Explore the links that appear.
- Save your favourite links by bookmarking sites that are useful.

## How do I find local news?

1. The Internet is also a great way to keep in touch with local news. If you know the name of your local paper, TV or radio station, find it using a search engine and look for the site's news page.
2. Google News brings together news from lots of websites:
  - Go to the Google web link and click on the 'News' tab at the top of the page.
  - Enter where you live into the search bar and click to bring up all the latest news from your area.
  - Click on some links and find out what's happening.
3. This is also a good way to find and bookmark websites for your local paper, TV and radio station's websites if you don't know their name or web address.

## How do I find out what's on?

1. The latest film? Your favourite band? Or what about that comedian you saw on TV? With the Internet, it's easy to find out about entertainment in your area.
2. Local cinemas, music venues and other entertainment places should all have websites:
  - Enter the name of a local venue in a search engine.
  - Explore the venue's website and find the 'listings' page that shows what's on.
3. If you don't know the names of any venues, you can still search the web to find out what's happening. You just need to combine the name of where you live, with what you want to find:
  - Try entering some of the following into a search engine. 'Place' is the name of where you live:
    - 'what's on in Place'
    - 'cinema Place'
    - 'live music Place'
    - 'Place events'
  - What other search terms can you think of?





## Useful Links

You may want to use these links in your session:

**Up My Street:**

<http://www.upmystreet.com>

**Google:**

<http://google.co.uk>

**Google Maps:**

<http://maps.google.co.uk>

**BBC News:**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news>



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