



An introduction to social media marketing for small businesses

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Introduction and Stats







General stats

Home computer/internet use

- 77 per cent of all UK households have broadband.
- 79 per cent of homes have a PC or a laptop.
- 44 per cent of all UK households have a tablet.
- 82 per cent of households have an internet connection.

Mobile

- There are 83.1 million mobile phones in the UK.
- 61 per cent of all adults own a smartphone.
- 57 per cent of all adults use their mobile phone to access the internet.







Popular UK social media sites

- 40.0 million YouTube
- 35.1 million Facebook
 - over 33 million people that use the site once a month
 - 24 million that use it daily (according to the <u>Huffington</u> <u>Post</u>),
- 11.9 million Twitter
- 11.3 million LinkedIn
- 8.8 million Google Plus
- 0.9 million MySpace
- 0.4 million Friends Reunited

Source: http://montfort.io/uk-social-media-stats-2014/







UK Social Media Stats Aug 2014

Three-quarters of 16-24 year olds use social networking sites:

 Almost half of UK adults (47%) claim to access social networking sites, with take-up highest among those aged 16-24 (75%).

Facebook's digital audience continues to grow:

 <u>Facebook</u> remains by far the most popular social networking site, with a unique audience of 35.1 million in March 2014. and has an audience roughly three times larger than <u>Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

Social networking websites are increasingly being accessed on mobile phones:

All social networking websites have increased their popularity on mobile handsets.
 Facebook was the most popular site on a mobile, with a unique audience of 21.1 million in April 2014, while Twitter's popularity on mobile devices (8.4 million) greatly exceeds that of Google+ (3.1 million), and LinkedIn (2.9 million).

Twitter users are most likely to access the service through an app and least likely through a mobile browser:

• Twitter had the highest proportion of its audience accessing the social networking site through a mobile phone app (76%), and the lowest proportion accessing the site through a mobile browser (54%).

An average of 8 hours per month is spent on Facebook on a laptop or desktop computer:

• UK internet users spent an average of 8.0 hours per month browsing on Facebook on laptop/desktop computers, far greater than the amount of time spent on Twitter (35.3 minutes) and Linkedln (31.2 minutes).

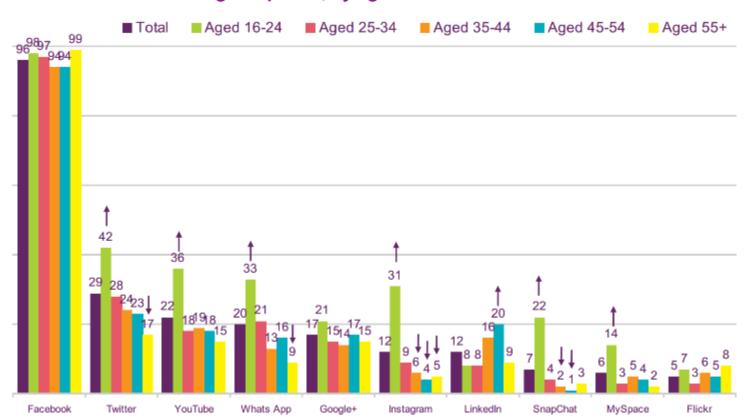
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UK Social media platform use by age (Off Com data 2014)

Figure 20: Top ten (prompted) social networking sites or apps used by those with a current social networking site profile, by age: 2013







Social media is not very good at generating sales?

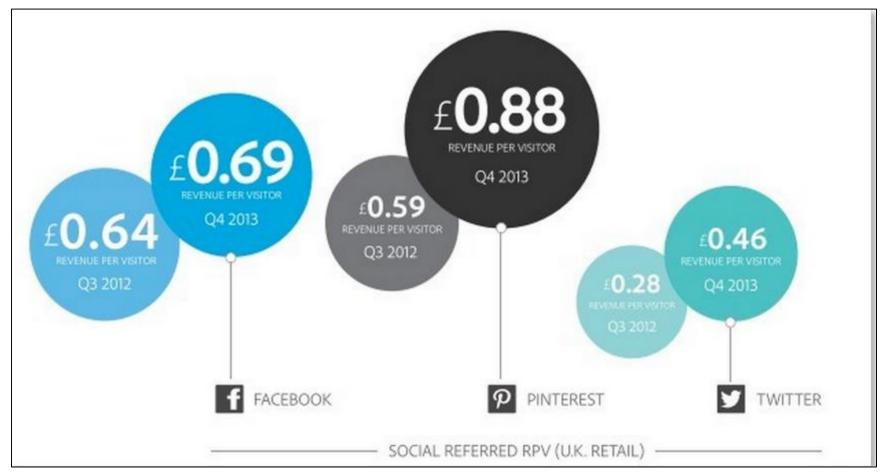
- Research by Adobe for Christmas 2013 showed that only 2% of visits to retailers' sites in the USA directly resulted in a sale, but 36% of sales were influenced by social media.
- Research by IBM in the UK showed that Social channels contributed an even lower level of site traffic, with just 0.5 percent of visitors arriving from Facebook, Pinterest, YouTube and other social channels (in March 2014), and accounted for 0.1 percent of sales.







Facebook drives more traffic but Pinterest drives more revenue per visit









What are your objectives?





Why do you want to do Social Marketing?



- Free traffic to my website!
- To sell loads of stuff and make lots of money!
- NO!
- To tell everyone about us and what we do!
- To communicate with a <u>younger or different target market</u> that uses these platforms
- To help with my <u>search engine optimisation (SEO)</u> and building links to my site
- To <u>listen</u> and understand what people are saying about us
- To provide <u>helpful information</u> or resources
- To be seen as a <u>technical expert</u> or specialist
- To develop a <u>community</u> and interact with our customers
- To respond to customers needs and improve our <u>customer</u> <u>service</u>







Approach







How are you going to do this?

- One person or the whole team
 (in which case you are going to need training, rules and policies)
- "Scatter-gun" or focus on a few techniques
- Single (burst) or ongoing (drip) campaigns
- Organic or paid
- Separate social marketing campaigns or integrated with all website/online marketing activities
- In-house or an agency?







Planning and set-up







Required Website changes

- Add integrated blog e.g. WordPress
- Add WordPress Plug-ins e.g. WordPress SEO
- Add links to join/follow/share/like for Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Google+
- Add social bookmarking icons
- Add RSS feed and /or newsletter sign-ups e.g. MailChimp integration
- Add 3rd party review/testimonial plug-ins e.g. Trip Advisor, Reviews.co.uk, Trust Pilot
- Ensure Analytics is correctly installed







Third party account set-ups and profiles

- Set-up accounts
 - Social networking platforms (Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, Facebook Page)
 - User generated sites (SlideShare, YouTube Channel etc)
- Write profiles
 - Personal or company biog
 - Pictures
 - Links to website
 - Other information
- Interlink different accounts using relevant apps
 - LinkedIn account add SlideShare, Link Twitter account
- Download and/or identify free tools to help broadcast and monitor e.g. Tweetdeck, HootSuite, Analytics URL builder







Content





Content – What have you got to talk about or offer?

- Depends on your objectives?
- Latest news (company or sector)
- Latest products
- Events
- Useful information, whitepapers, tips and hints, "how to" guides, opinions
- Case-studies
- Others?







Format – this will influence where you can use the content

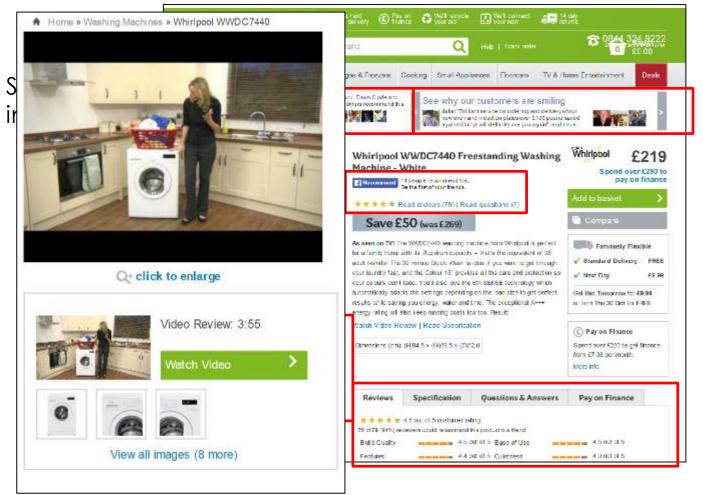
- Written content
 - Start with your blog don't forget to include keyphrases for search engine optimisation (SEO)
 - Broadcast this viaTwitter, RSS Feeds, newsletters; with links back to original content
 - "Rewrite and recycle" for user generated sites e.g. online PR, guest blogging
- Presentation and informative material such as PowerPoint, pdfs, videos, infographics, podcasts







Video (and user generated content) on your own site



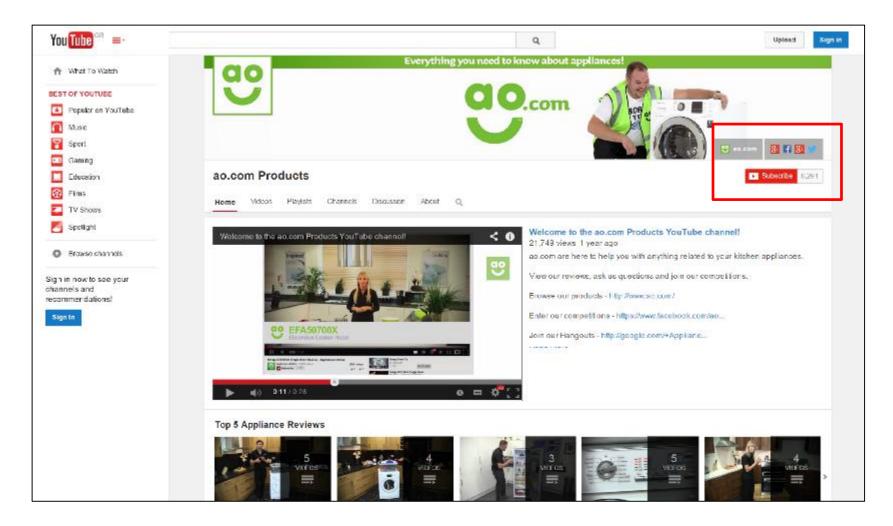
Buyer reviews







YouTube Channel









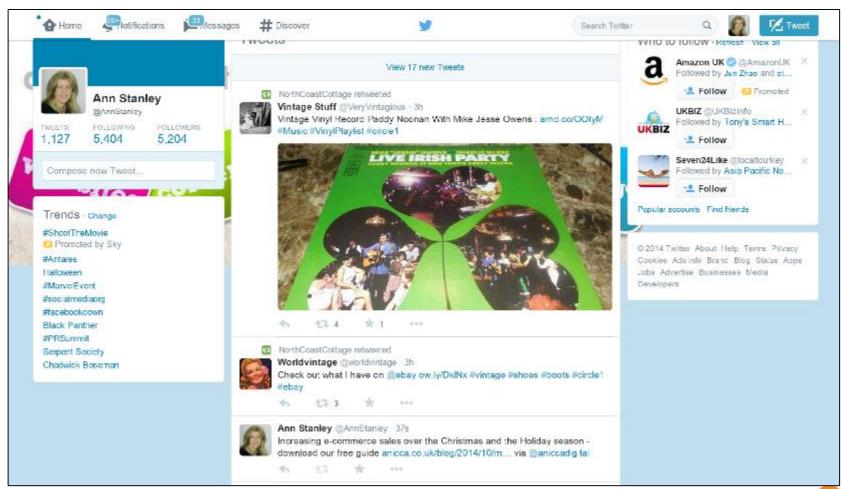
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Twitter personal account

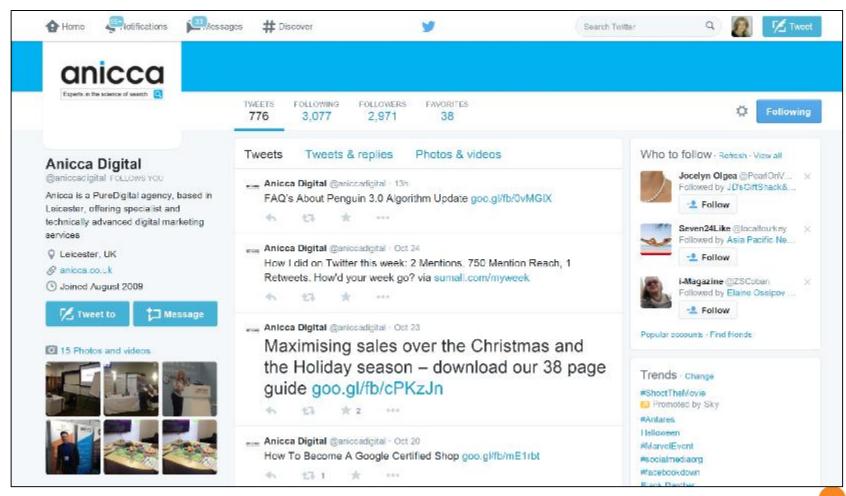








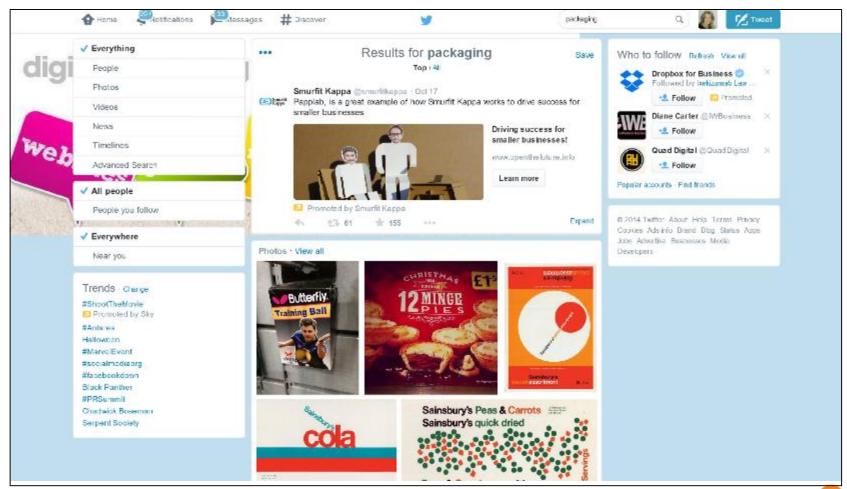
Company page







Use search to look for subjects or people









Use Hootsuite or Tweetdeck to manage your Tweets/posts



Social media management for any organization

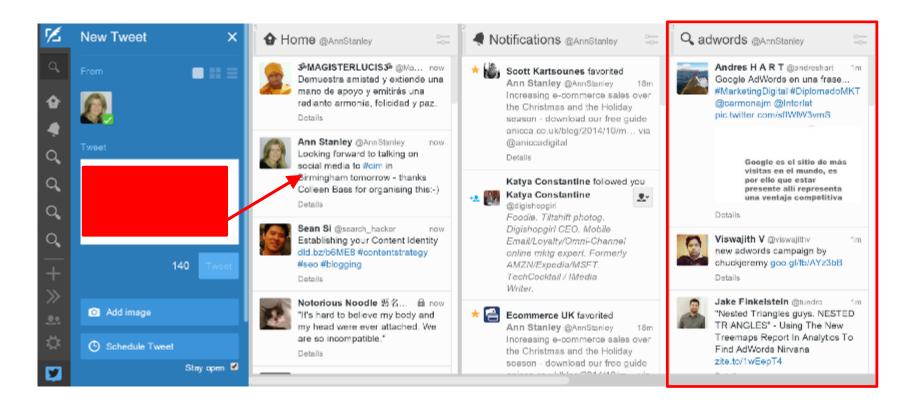
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Set-up and create panels to follow subjects









Retweet your blog









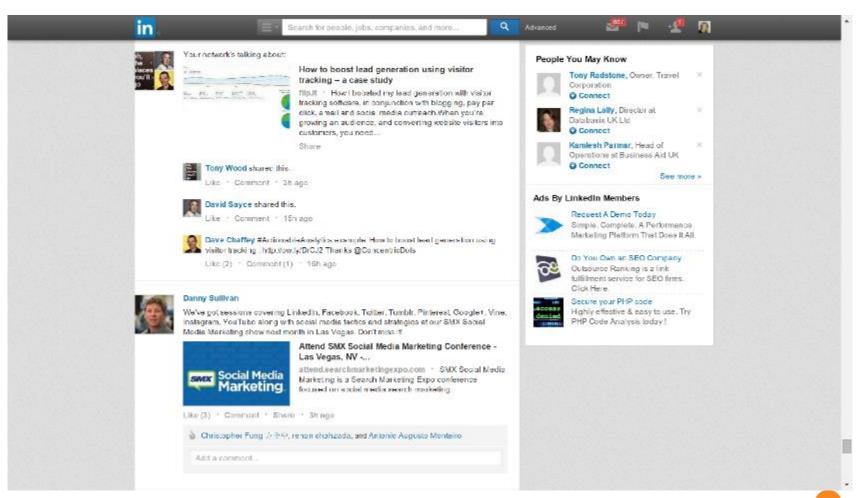
LinkedIn







LinkedIn home page (i.e. the news feed from your connections)

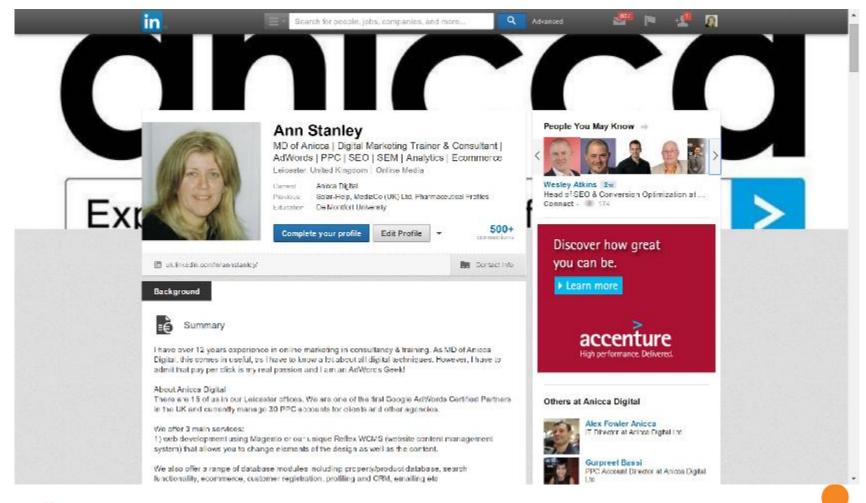








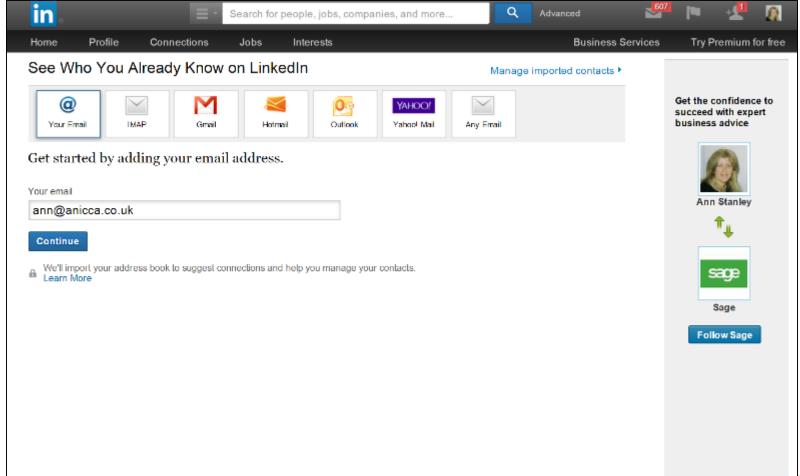
LinkedIn Personal profile







Getting connections from existing email contacts

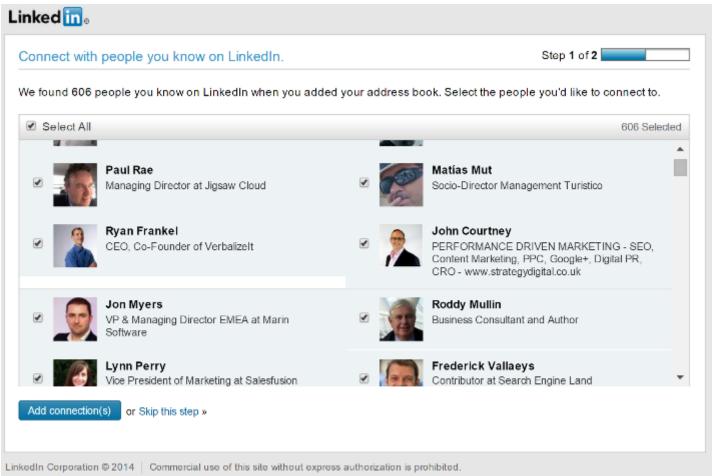








Select your contacts

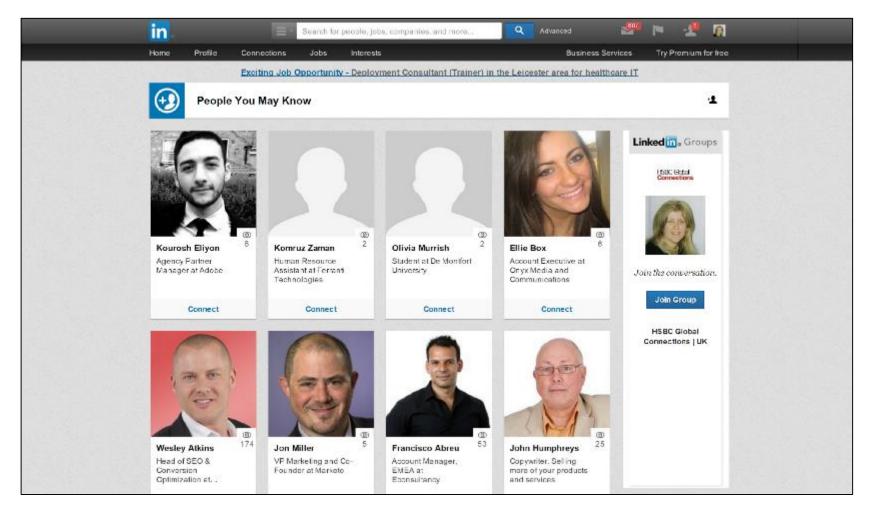








Or people you might know?

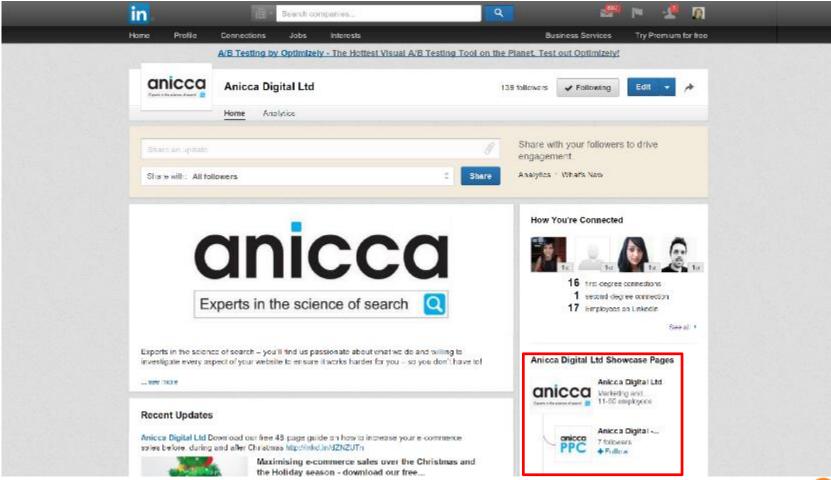








LinkedIn company page

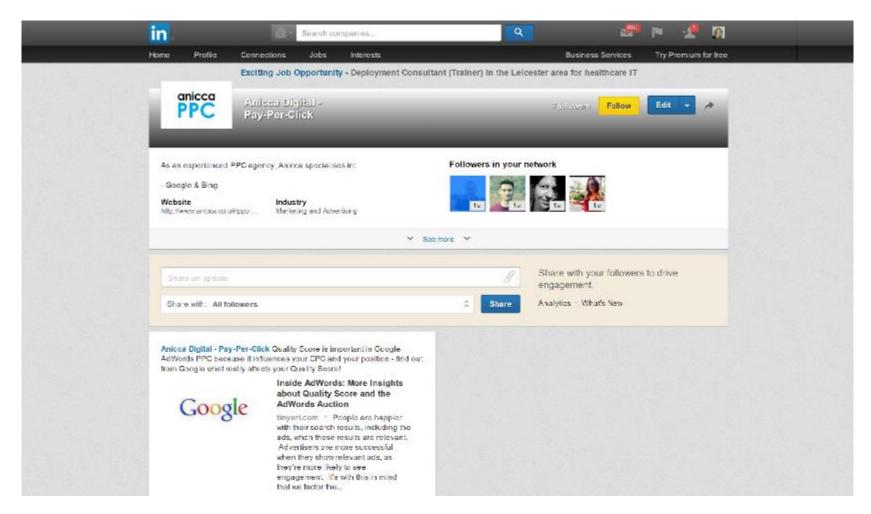






LinkedIn Company showcase (product/service) page



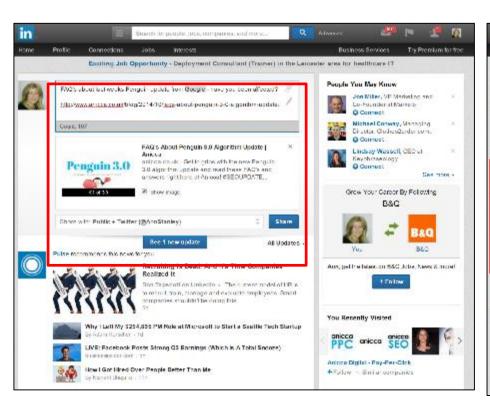


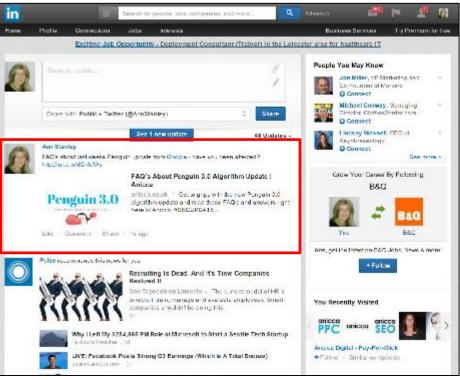






Posting a story or link to content











Facebook







Personal page

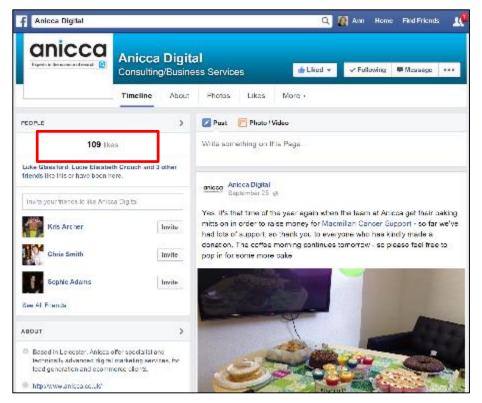


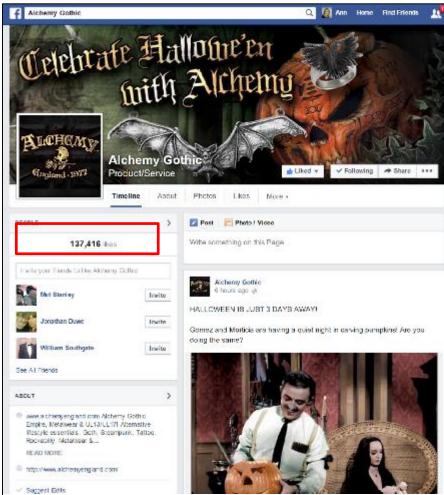






Business Page











Other customisation

- Events
- Competitions
- Photos/videos
- Discussions
- Shares and Likes
- Product showcase and ecommerce
- Paid advertising
- Apps e.g. recruitment, shopping, games, dating
- e-gift vouchers, Facebook Buy Buttons







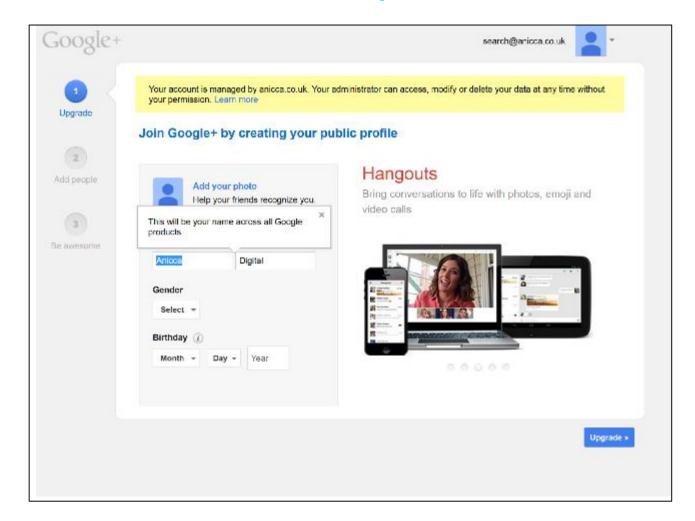
Google+







Create a new profile

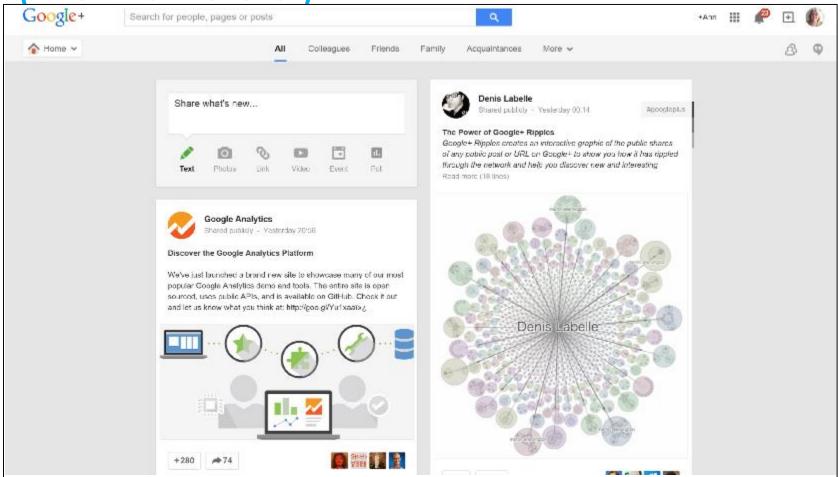








Google+ Dashboard (news feed)

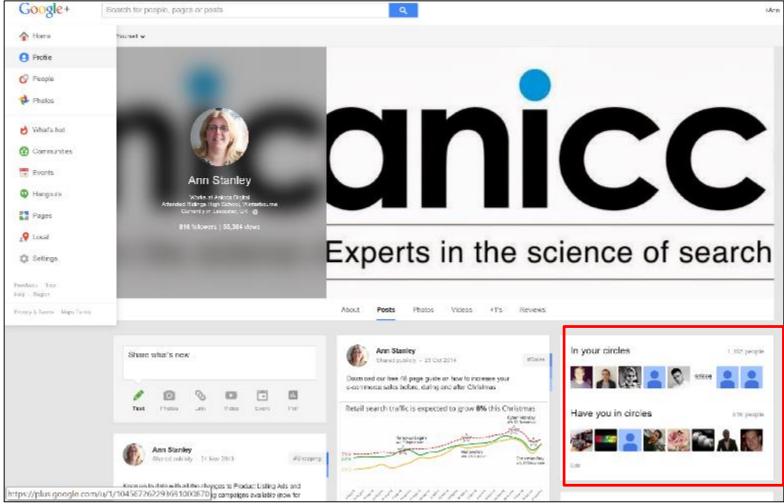








Profile page









Company page (Google My Business)







Google+ - when you search

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Measuring and monitoring







Social media tools

- Analytics traffic and goals resulting from social marketing activities – Google Analytics, Topsy
- Platform specific e.g. Facebook
- Mentions e.g. Hootsuite
- Reputation monitoring e.g. Trakur* Klout, Kred
- ROI and effectiveness combination of above or 100's of new tools (free and paid)
- Paid tools include Brandwatch*, Monitor*, SproutSocial*
- Content monitoring Buzzsumo
 - * Note these are examples of some of the most popular tools







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