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Introduction

The Bay Horse is a well established quality ale and food pub with letting bedrooms in the market town of Masham in North Yorkshire.

Masham is a famous brewing town with both the Theakston and Black Sheep breweries located here. The business also has strong links with quality local Yorkshire food producers and the area generally has a strong reputation for quality food and drinks. The location of the pub makes it a tourist hot spot. The beautiful market town setting of Masham and the surrounding Yorkshire Dales and Moors National Parks is key to the success of the business. The pub also has a loyal local customer base who love the quality food & drinks offer, the great team and excellent service and hospitality.

The operator had been in situ for 4 + years and in this time has worked hard to build the reputation of the business as a centre of excellence for local food, drinks and hospitality. The owners invested in a mini refurbishment of the beer garden in the spring of 2019 and were looking to promote the improvement as a springboard to build trade over the summer months.

We were engaged to market the beer garden launch working alongside the excellent operator. We were asked to build a new website and provide a social media campaign for a 3 month initial period to ensure messages about changes at the pub were successfully communicated to the local community. Our work was so appreciated that we were taken on permanently to manage all social media and marketing activities.

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The Challenge

Business marketing priorities developed in conjunction with the business operators as follows:

Food & Drink

The Bay Horse offers excellent quality food, drink and hospitality. A new website and program of social media posting required to push out this message to new customers.

Improved Beer Garden

The new beer garden is a great improvement but is out of sight at the rear of the pub. A new website and social media activity required to get the message out in Masham.

Letting Rooms

Rooms are a very profitable part of the business, a new website was required with online room booking to better sell the rooms and increase occupancy rates.

Weekly Offers

Pub offers a range of great value weekly deals. Work on social media required to improve awareness locally and therefore trade during the quieter days of the week.

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The Solution

Business Builder Website

Retail Impact Solutions built a new website including:

- Great photography of the premises including the new beer garden, the food & drinks offer and letting bedrooms.
- Online rooms booking
- Integrated live social media feeds
- Website supported by social media activity with all posts containing links to relevant website pages to drive web traffic and push the website higher in search engine rankings.
- A selection of edited photos of all aspects of the business are added to the Google My Business Page for The Bay Horse. The operator is also helped to claim the page and the website is also added here. This is key to getting good results in Google searches.

Daily Social Media Posting Service

Retail Impact developed a weekly plan of great social media content to promote all aspect of the business including:

- The food offer and weekly food deals with quality photography.
- Beer garden with great images of the completed scheme.
- Ales and quality drinks offer with great images taken at site.
- Letting bedrooms with quality images and links to online booking.
- Great results were achieved and the operator now is one of our long term Facebook customers.

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The Result

Successful Website Launch

An average of 4,000 page views of the website every month since going live with the most visited pages are the food and rooms.

Over 122,000 Google views of quality images.

Facebook Views

Over a 6 month period Retail Impact have created 247,000 post views of quality content promoting all aspects of the business at The Bay Horse.

Increase in Overall Sales

The operators are very happy with the level of trade and suggest that rooms are very busy and sales of weekly food deals and overall turnover is increasing.

Sustaining Growth

Steady and sustained business growth is vital to tenants long term success and the prevention of tenant turnover.

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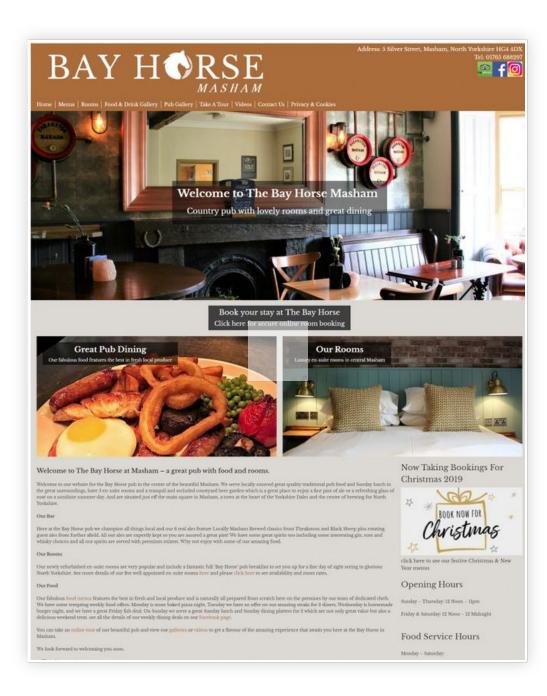


Mini Campaigns - The Details

 Retail Impact Solutions can project manage the digital launch for any mini refurbishment scheme

Often operators are very busy at the period of launching any new development in their business. Essential marketing activity can get sidelined without the support of a dedicated marketing team. Our marketing support can underpin the capital investment in a business and ensure that the investment is commercially successful.

- Typical package content
 - Our service ideally starts before the mini scheme or site improvement has commenced. We kick off with a targeted **Facebook campaign** while the works are underway, we run a teaser campaign with images and details of changes at site to build excitement.
 - We build a 'business builder' **WordPress website** which includes photography of premises and the food and drinks offer plus letting rooms if appropriate and as many pages as the operators feel necessary. The website is fully optmised for relevant searches and we also carry out a clean up of the existing Google My Business page and add a new photographs of the completed works, the business as a whole and a link to the new website.
- We support the mini scheme with a **3 month period of daily Facebook posting** with great content covering all aspect of the business which is boosted and targeted to the local population. A the end of this period the operator may decide to keep using our social media service to promote continued growth and sales in their business. We can offer this service on a month to month basis with no lengthy contract commitment required.

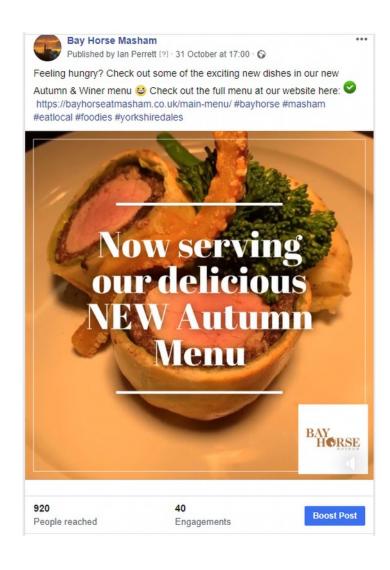


Business Builder Website bayhorseatmasham.co.uk

Each website includes:

- Site visit to meet operator and complete detailed web brief plus photograph premises, products, food, letting bedrooms as required
- Website built in Word Press with live social media feeds, online booking widgets, contact forms and associated email addresses.
- Website search engine optimised for relevant searches and linked to Google My Business Page with new quality images
- Efficient email based website updating service operated by helpful and friendly real people

Facebook and Instagram*



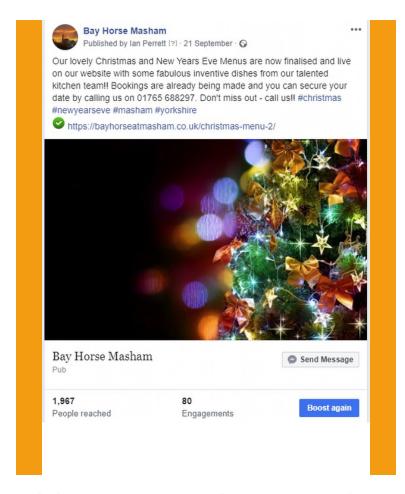
Daily posting on Facebook*

- Reaching out to thousands of potential local new customers
- Content created by real people with industry knowledge
- Regular site contact to agree priorities and plan posts
- Proven to drive new business

^{*} Instagram posting service also available

Examples of boosted Facebook posts

facebook.com/bayhorsemasham





Bay Horse Masham Published by Ian Perrett [?] - 21 June - 6 Summer seems to be making an appearance this weekend - perfect for a cool pint or G&T in our fabulous garden!! #summer #masham #beer 1,095 Boost again People reached Engagements

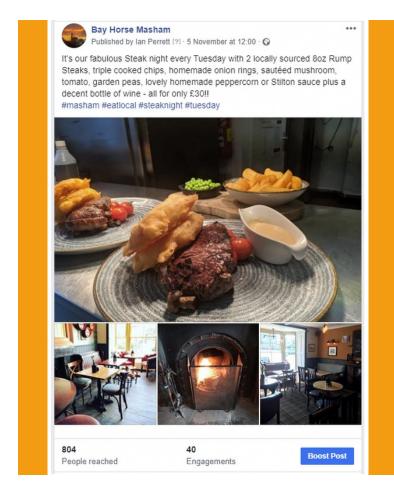
Christmas Menu Launch - 1,967 post views

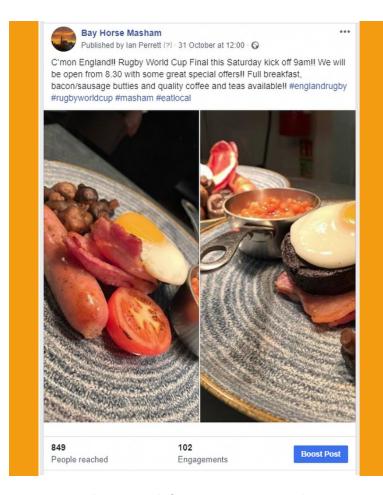
Sunday Lunch Post - 1,079 post views

Beer Garden Video Post - 1,095 post views

Examples of non boosted Facebook posts

facebook.com/bayhorsemasham







Weekly Steak Night - 804 post views

Rugby Breakfast - 849 post views

Letting Bedrooms - 634 post views



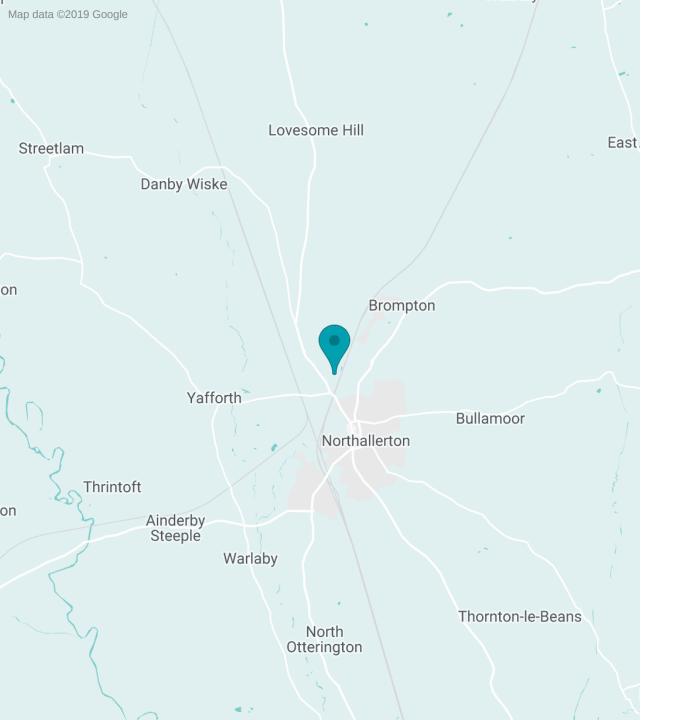












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