

## Websites

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### Websites

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## Different types of website

## What type of business do you have?

- Products selling physical things such as jewellery
- Services selling intangible things such as consultancy or legal
- Manufacturing creating finished goods from raw materials (engineering)
- Charity/NFP/CIC benefiting society, raising funds for research

## Business type:

## Product

# Services Manufacturing Charity

## Website type:

E-commerce website to sell online

Brochure - i.e., consultancy / law / charity

Portfolio - i.e., web design / photography / film

Multi-site - engineering / corporate



## Website example 1



#### Product business selling clothes

E-commerce website Customers can buy online Payment gateway Information pages **Contact information** 

https://zolaamour.com/

#### FREE SHIPPING IN THE UK, WORLDWIDE SHIPPING ALSO AVAILABLE.

#### **ZOLA AMOUR**







SUSTAINABLE SHIRTS

TRUSTY TROUSERS

**ETHICAL T-SHIRTS** 

JUMP FOR JOY JUMPSUITS



irt! Black organic cotton I bamboo t-shirt. £38



Ethical t-shirt! Dark grey GOTS organic cotton £38



Ethical T-shirt! White organic cotton and bamboo t-shirt. £38







## Website example 2



#### Service business / Corporate

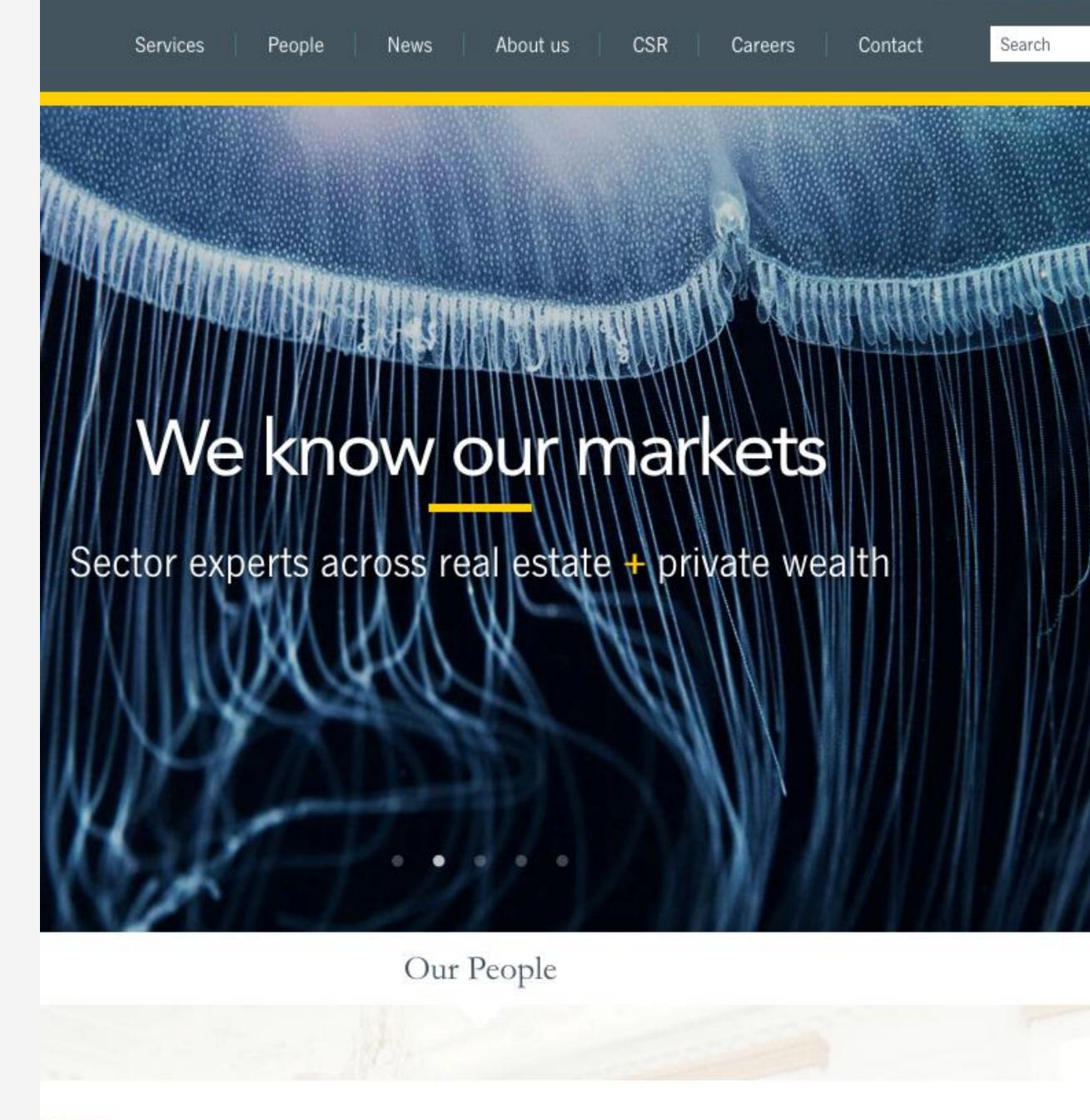
Brochure style website

Key messages

Information pages

Contact information

https://www.forsters.co.uk/



## Website example 3



#### Service business

Portfolio style website
Examples of work
Information pages
Contact information

https://www.neilbolton-fine-art-painter.com/seascapes

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## Web platforms

## Site builders

Good for basic websites and widely used by freelancers, sole traders and very small businesses.





- O Drag and drop builder
- Some have the ability to add on e-commerce











## CMS web platforms

Content management system web platforms and are usually created by web designers or developers. They allow for versatility in the design and functionality and business growth.













## What to think about when planning a website

## Target audience

Who are you selling to?

How will your product or service benefit them?

What is important to them?



### Content

What are your key messages?
What do you want customers to do on your website?
CTAs (calls to action - i.e., buy now button)



## Navigation (menu structure)

What do you want users to click/tap on?

UX (user experience)

Breadcrumb navigation

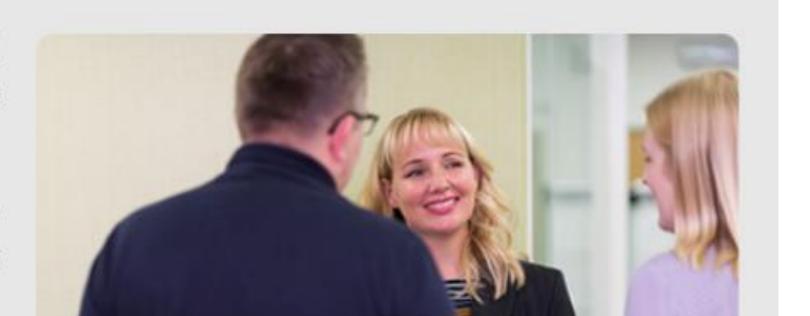
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## lmages

Do you need **photographs**?

What **style** of photos or images reflect what you do?

Where/how will you get **images** to use on your website?

shutterstck

pixabay

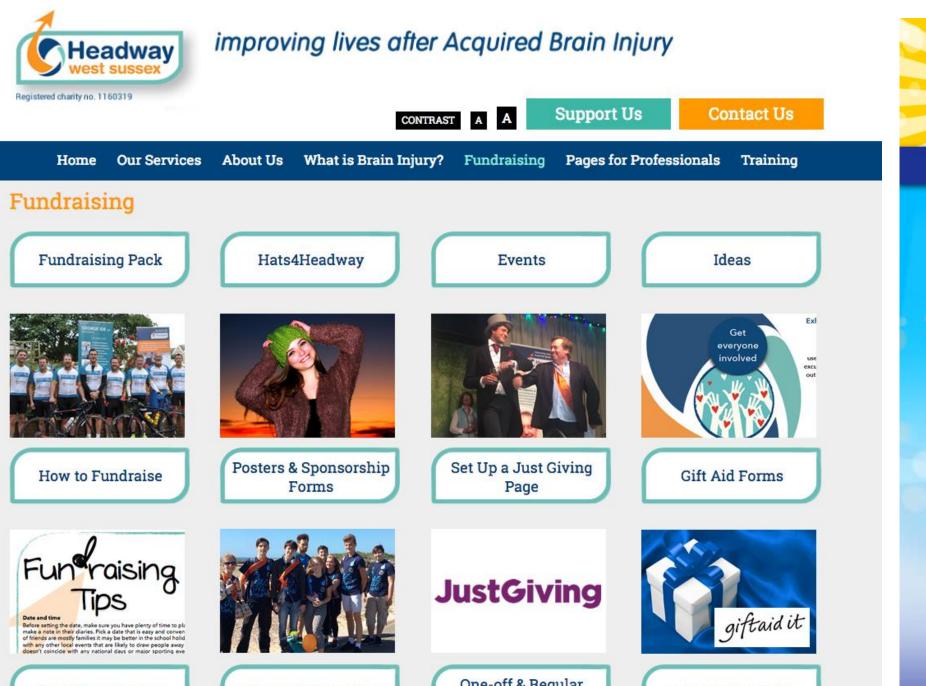
iStock.





## Design

## Branding / brand guidelines Colours / graphics Web layout







## Website planning checklist

#### Type of website

For what type of business?

What is their product or service?

Who is the target market?

#### Website platform

web builder or professional

Who is going to create the website? The business owner or a web designer?

Business owners who build their own websites using web builders benefit from advice and guidance.

#### Content

Messages, images, menu

It is important to plan both content and images

The business owner usually plans the content but might hire a copywriter or content planner to help.

#### Design

Branding

The design will be led by the company's branding

There might be brand guidelines to follow. The web layout will need to accommodate the planned content.

## Website technical checklist

Hosting SSL **Email** Domain name <u>@</u> Company email for your The place a website 'lives' Website security URL website Some hosting companies include Hosting is essential for self-hosted Email is usually included in hosting Points to the web hosting this with host packages. Always (non site builder type) websites packages. ask.

## Deconstructing a 'Landing' page

## What is a landing page?

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JT ME ABOUT YOU CONTACT BLOG



#### Why are they important?

They are valuable for lead generation, list building, increasing sales and web traffic



How do you measure its return on investment? You can track landing pages through web analytics



#### Examples:

Sales page, promotion, competition, ad campaign, service packages, client testimonials, case studies, stats

#### The Awakened Woman



We all have different sides to us, sometimes known as your arch them your 4 Womanly Aspects. When you fully embody these par awaken the EXTRAORDINARY woman within you. And that w everything - your business, relationships, how you view the wor yourself. You'll be able to create a full, beautiful life, not just a

#### START YOUR QUIZ

## Example of a landing page



## What's in the Box of Extraordinary? The Box of Extraordinary is your unique, one-of-a-kind starter kit for a life lived in health and joy. It's got everything you need to start enjoying Clean Eating and Living, the way Nature intended. Are you ready to step into the world of Extraordinary Living and create the life you are meant to live?

The Box of Extraordinary











Get your Box of Extraordinary now and begin your journey to Clean Living and the Extraordinary Lifestyle today!

Box of Extraordinary, including the bonus essential oils and clean eating program:

Total value \$293.35 Your investment just \$199.99

Click Here



## Landing page checklist

#### Offer/Promo

Your offer or promotion needs to be clear, concise and of interest to your audience.

Examples: e-book download, hints & tips, 'buy now' special offer, information with up to date/real time content.

#### Headline

Clear title saying what the lading page is for.

Include an image to make the page attractive and on brand.

#### CTA

Call To Action

Your CTA is what you want users to do once they land on your page.

Could be a buy now button, click to call/email, or an online form.

#### Analytics

Tracking your landing page will show you how effective it is.

You can A/B test with two different styles of landing pages or different CTAs & see which performs better.



## Using WordPress A marketer's overview



A theme based web platform, popular with businesses of all types and sizes. Incredibly versatile and offers different solutions such as portfolio, brochure, e-commerce and membership web solutions.

## WordPress

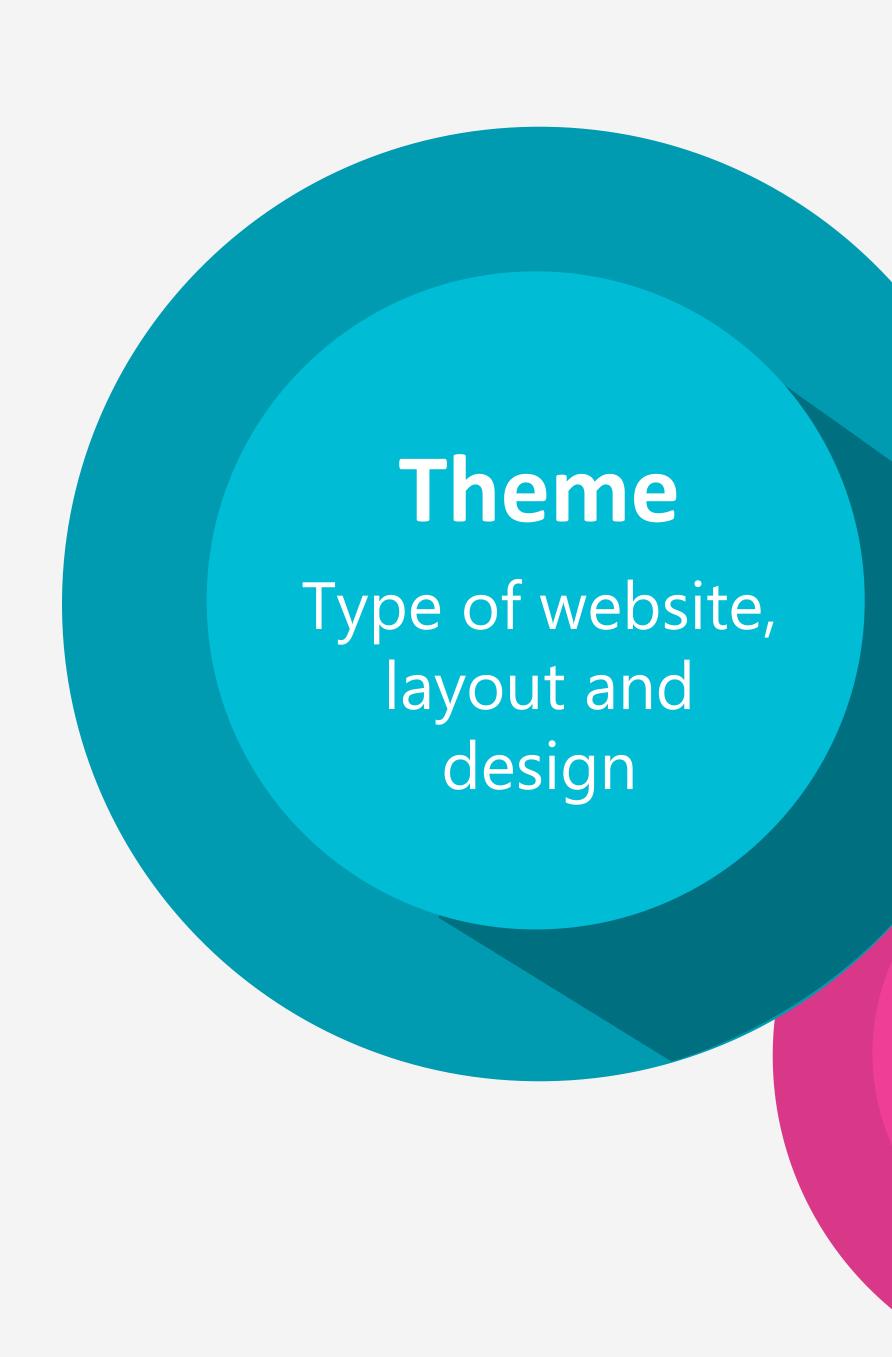
#### An overview

All WordPress sites have a theme (off-the-shelf or bespoke) which determines the layout and the design.

Pages are normally for information content such as services, about the business, contact page.

Posts are split up into categories and contain blogs, articles or events.

Plugins and widgets help to add functionality such as a gallery or form and to improve performance.



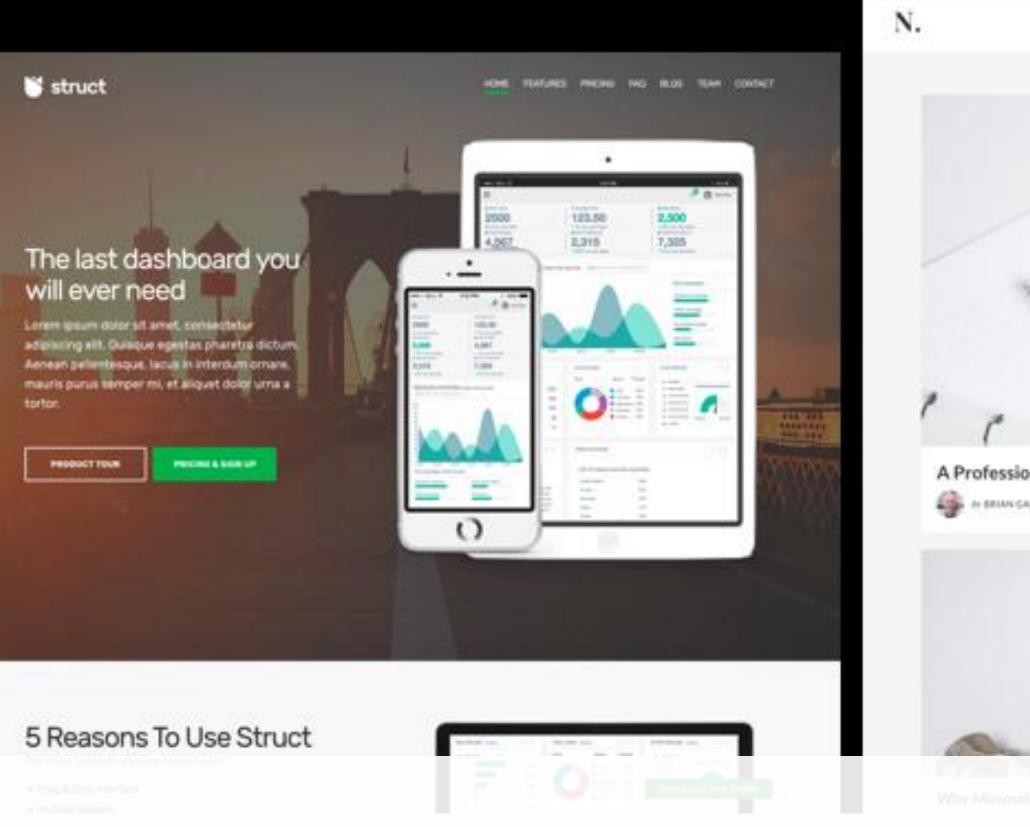
#### Pages Posts

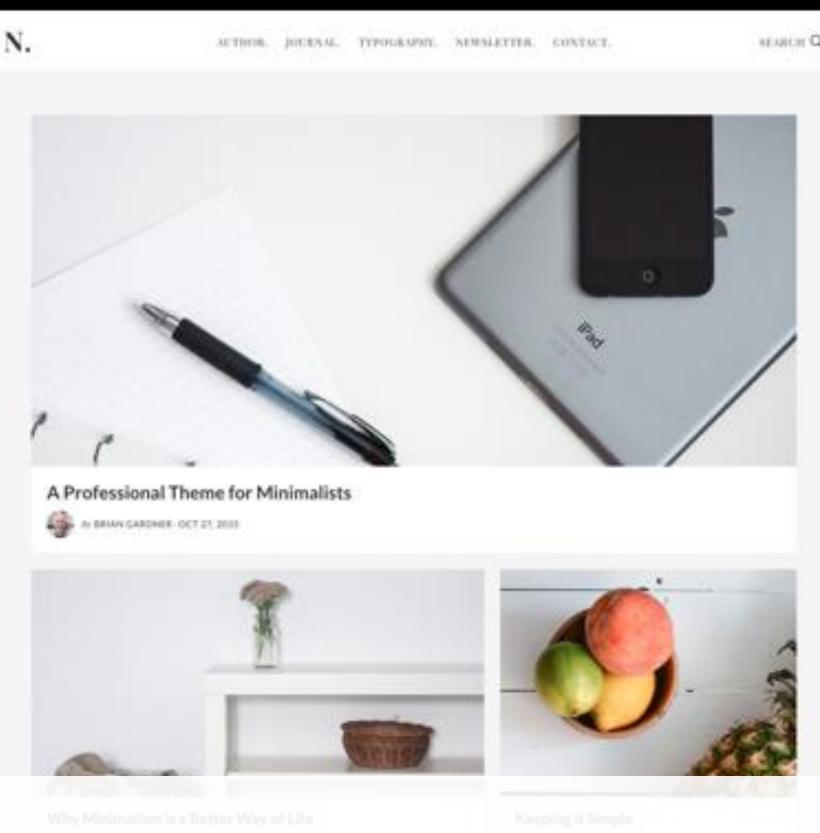
Content, blog, articles, categories, landing pages

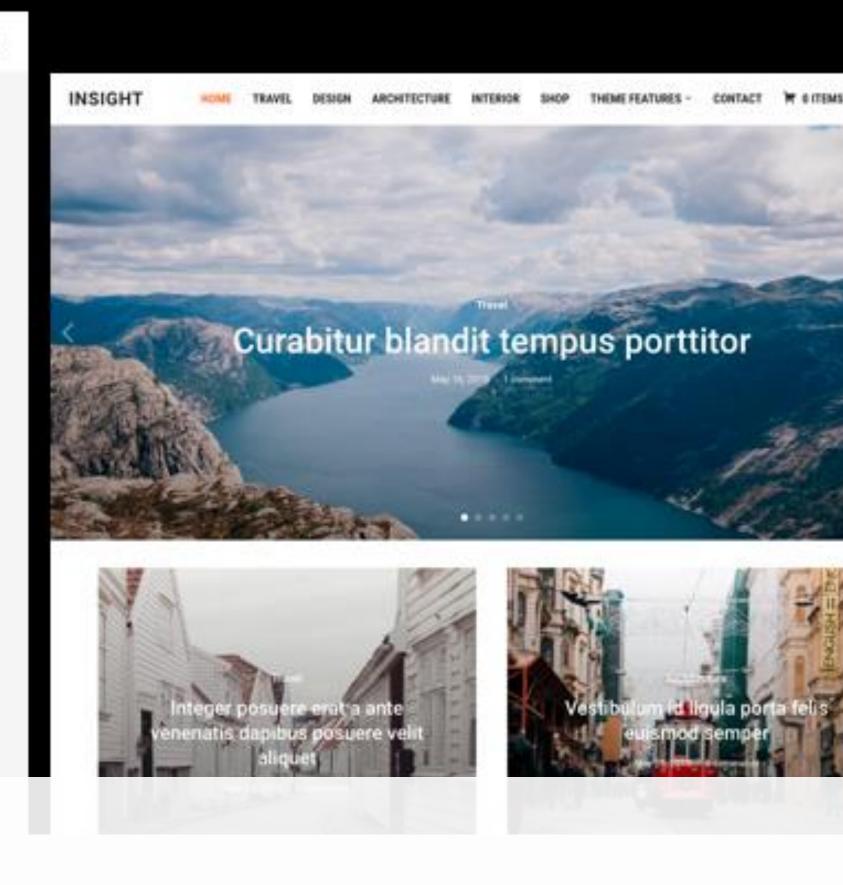
#### Plugins Widgets

Functionality, performance

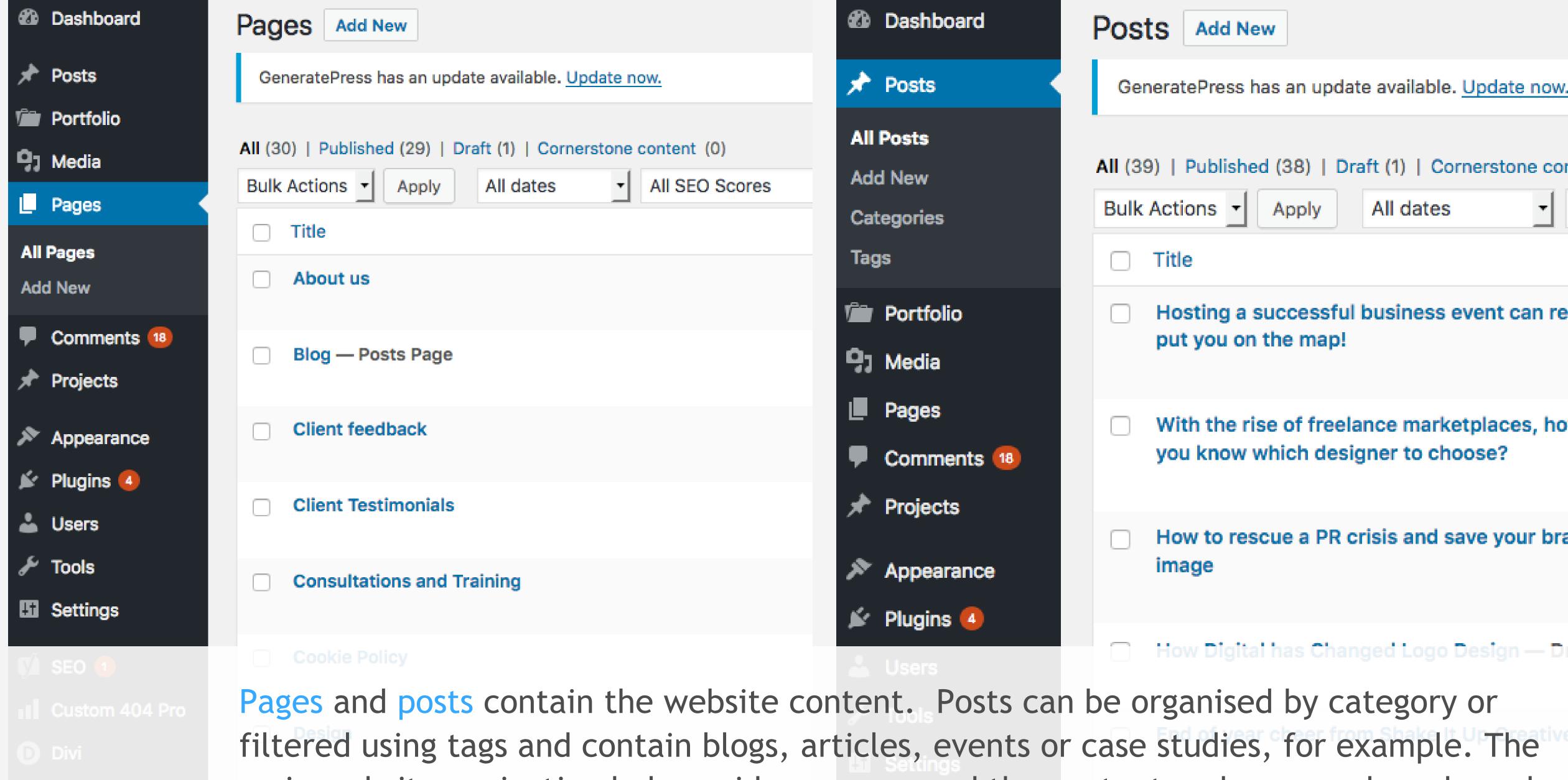
## PREMIUM WORDPRESS THEMES



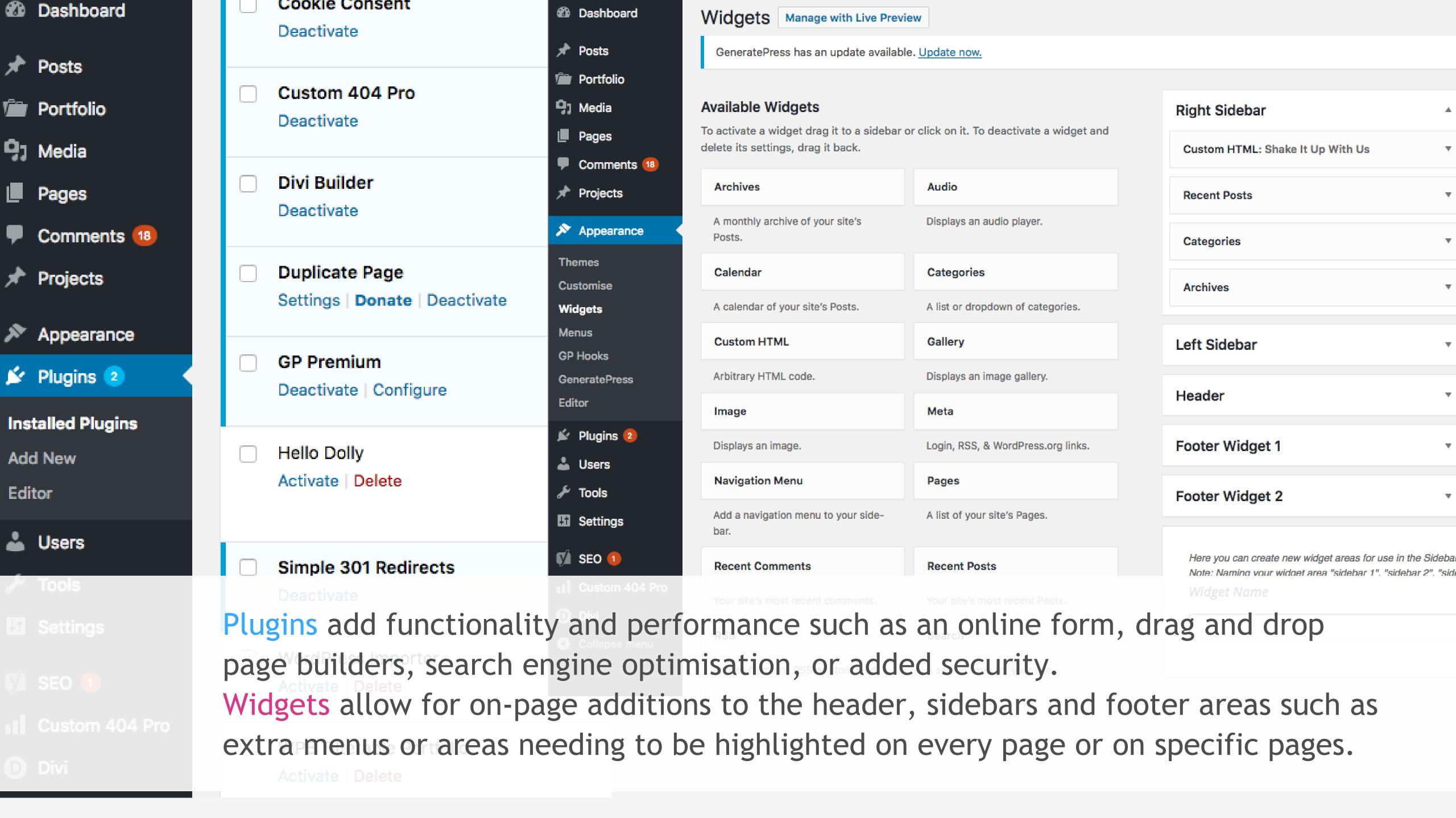




Themes vary and can be free or premium (paid for). Some themes are industry specific such as travel or photography or are for a specific type or style of website such as an online magazine, blog, product or corporate.

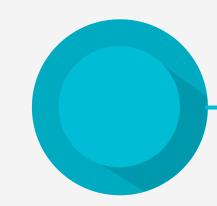


main website navigation helps guide users around the content and on-page breadcrumb menus helps to improve user experience (UX) and ease of navigation.



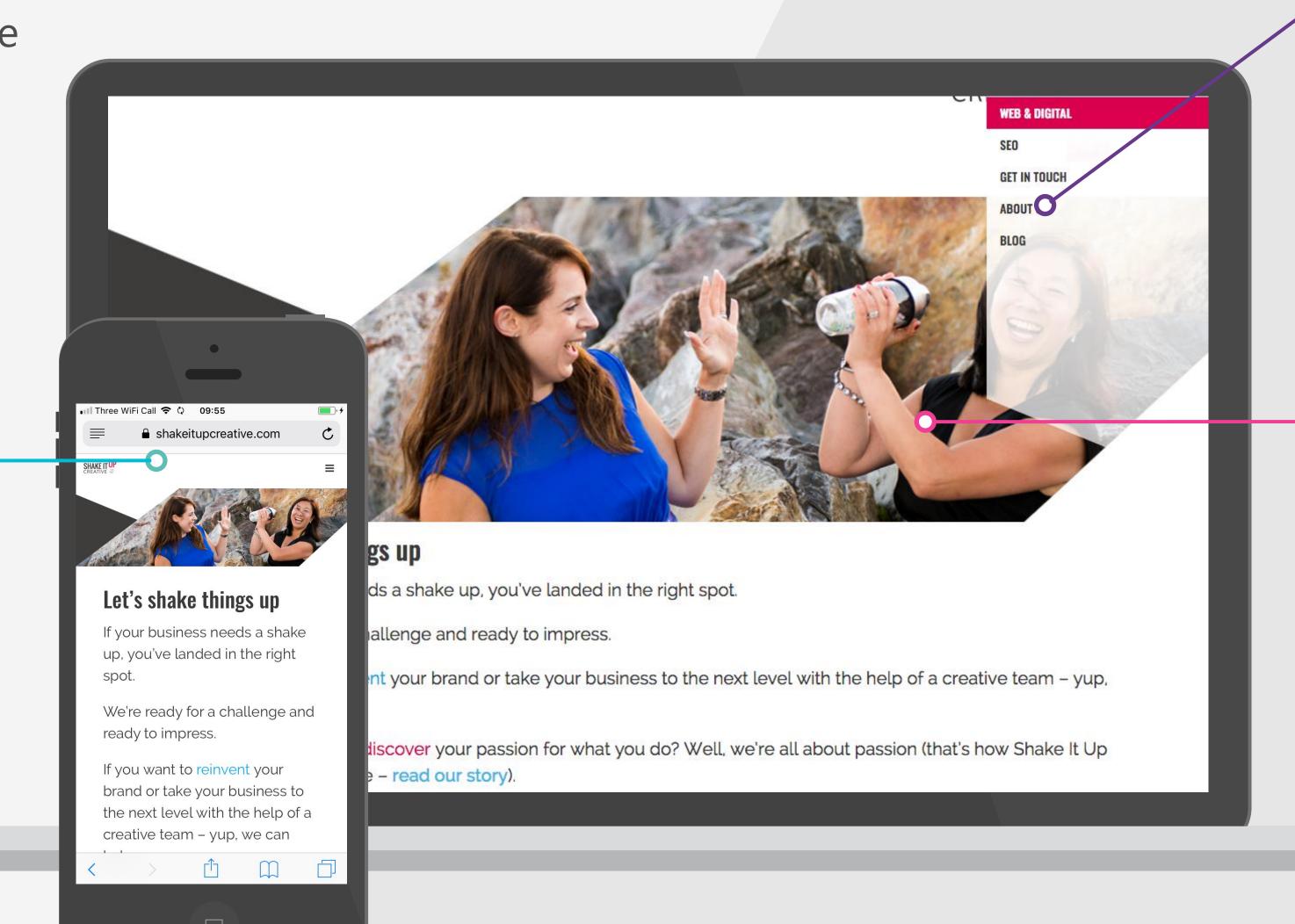
## Responsive design

All websites need to be mobile-friendly for optimal user experience and for SEO.



#### Responsive theme

Choosing a responsive theme is a good starting point but some layout designs will need additional styling for different devices.



Menu bar
On desktop, it can be expanded or collapsed, horizontal or vertical. But on mobile, it will be collapsed and vertical.

#### Images and text

All content will be resized to fit different size screens so the website should be checked across a variety of devices.

## When to use plugins



#### **Compliance:**

UK cookie consent plugin is a good one to use to ensure compliance.

There are other website compliance rules too\*.



#### Page builder/layouts:

If a more complex web layout is required or if the website is very heavily image based, then a page builder plugin can help create a content-rich easy to update website.



#### Online form:

If an online form is needed which is not included in the theme or needs additional functionality.



#### **E-commerce or booking:**

Add a shopping cart, event or appointment booking section. Most are free and some have a premium\*\* upgrade version.



#### **Gallery/portfolio/video:**

There are various gallery and portfolio plugins available to help showcase work, photographs and videos.



#### Social media:

Easily add social media icons, links and feeds using a variety of plugins, again, some may be premium.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Premium version of plugins are available and the cost varies depending on the type of functionality.

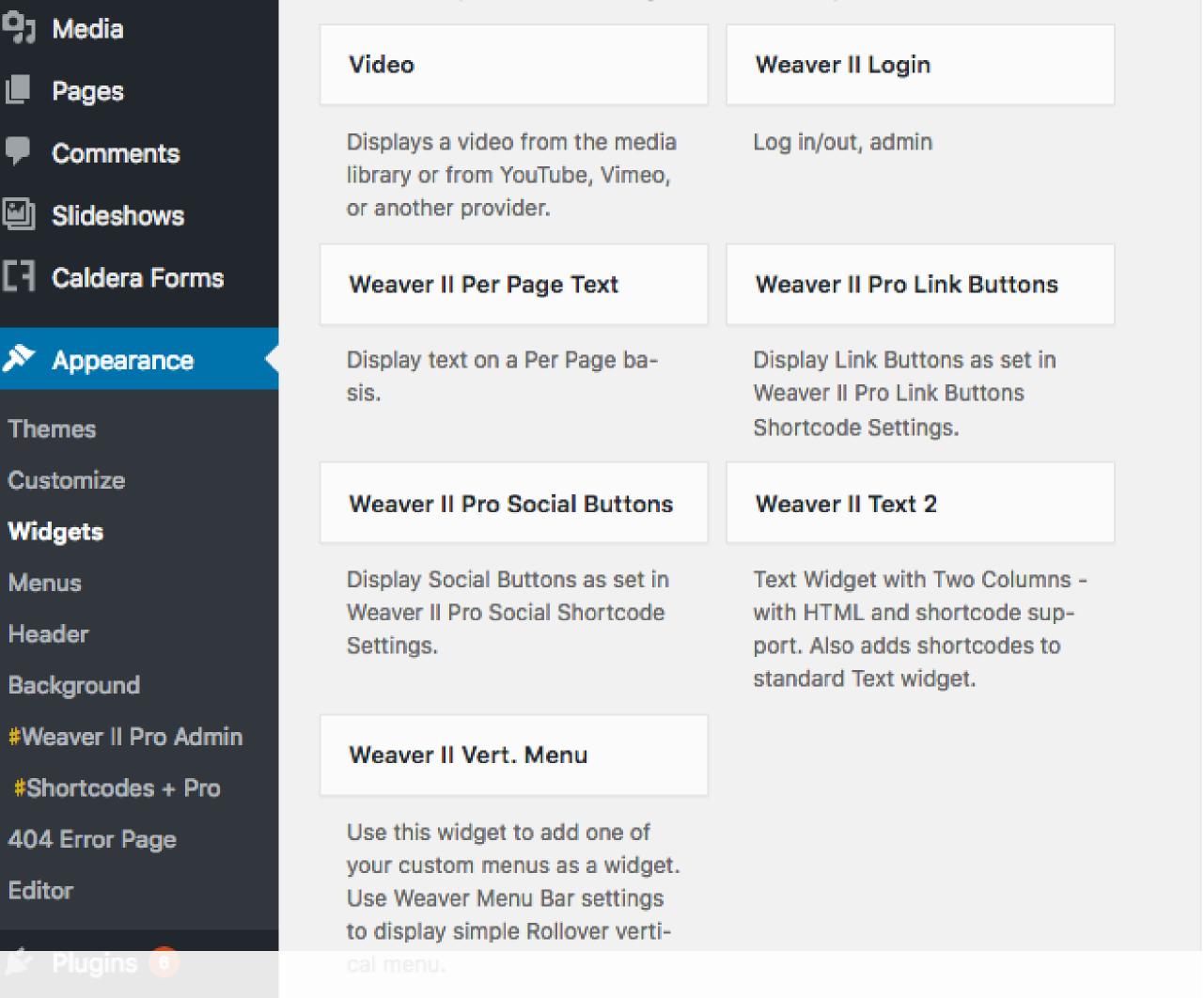
## How to use widgets



Widgets are blocks of specific functionality that enable content to be visible in either the side bar, header/footer areas.

Widgets are found in Appearance » Widgets page in the WordPress admin panel.

An easy way to add things like galleries, popular posts, social media feeds, CTAs and other dynamic items which might have been enabled via a plugin.



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Menus

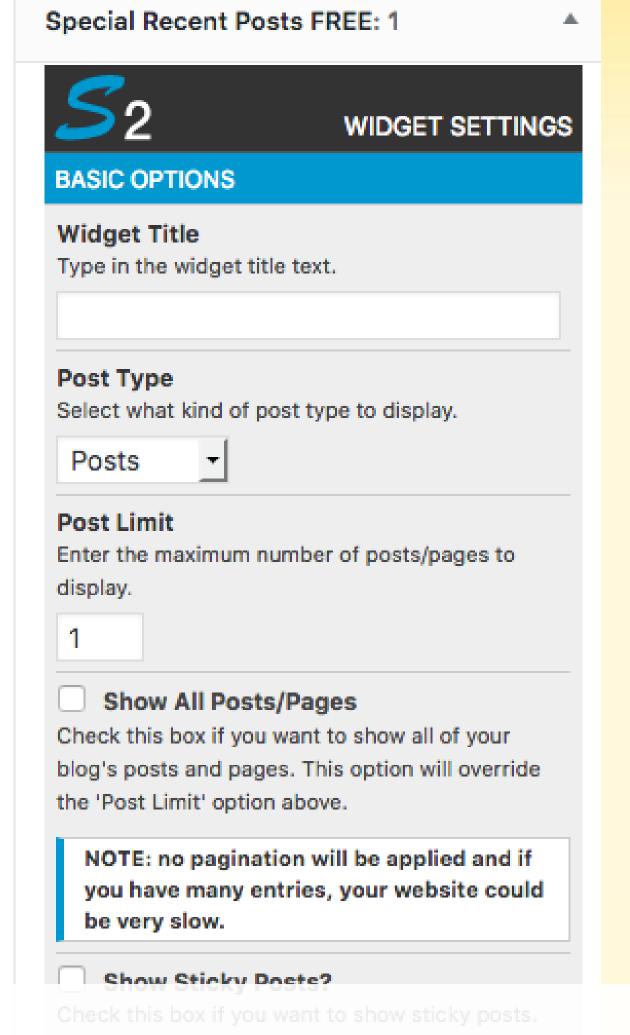
Header

Editor

Background

404 Error Page

Comments





Benefits of Story Massage

"The children absolutely love it and I received

absolutely amazina feedback from the

The example above shows a widget enabling a plugin to show up on the right hand side of the webpage to showcase the most recent post in a particular category.

The plugin/widget allows different posts to show up on different pages/posts depending on their specific settings.

## Keeping WordPress updated



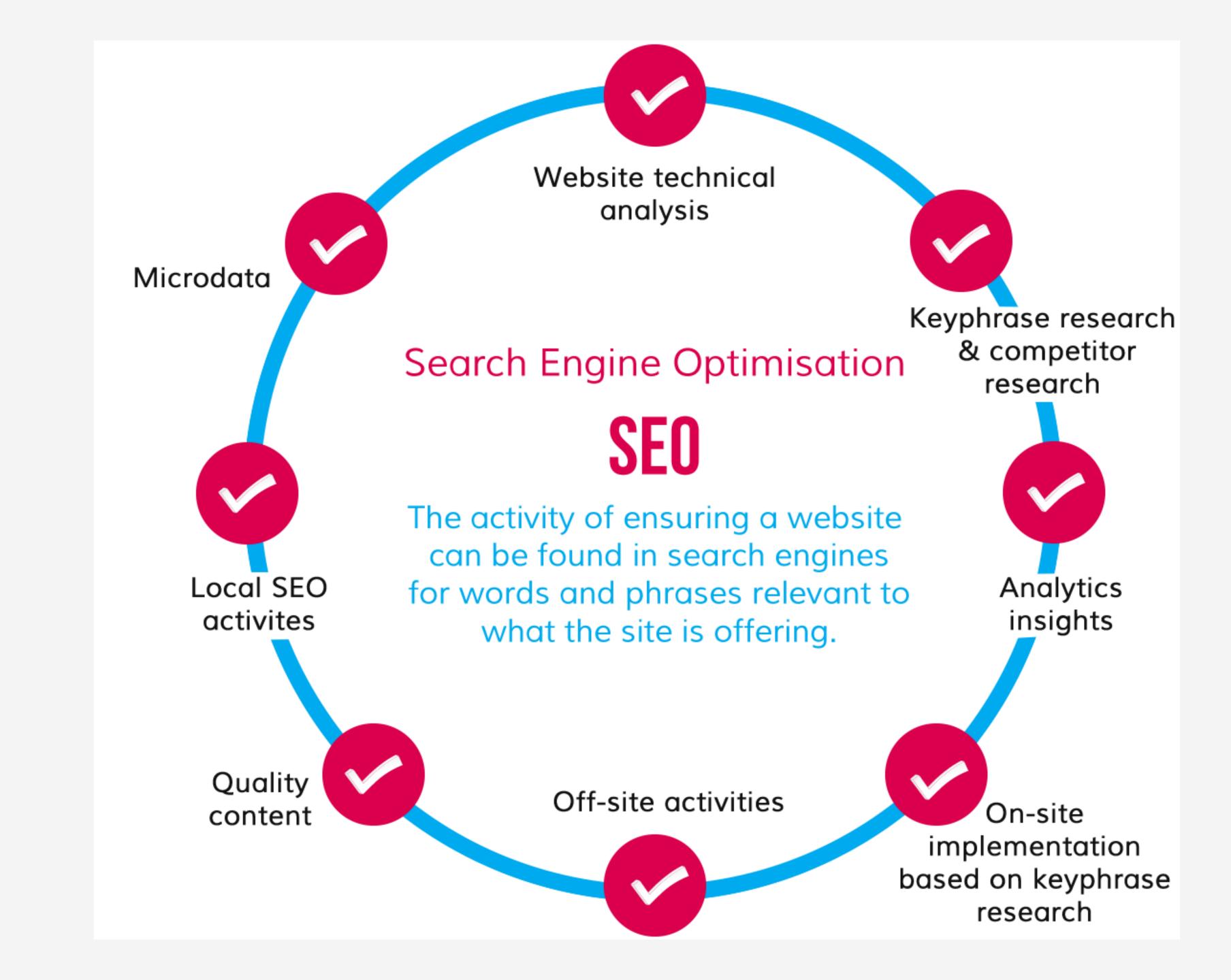
New versions come out at regular intervals.

Keep WordPress updated to guard against security risks and ensure it functions as it should.

Plugins also need updating regularly.

Only install a plugin if it's compatible with your current WordPress version. Some plugins become unmonitored, so it is necessary to find an alternative for a particular website feature.

# People don't just come...



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