

HREW - Using New Technology effectively

New Email Addresses

The first stage of the transformation process in using new technology has been the issuing of Healing Rooms England & Wales email addresses. This was quite a complex operation but is now complete. In the future all new Healing Rooms and Directors will be automatically issued HREW email addresses.

This is how businesses operate, they do not expect their employees to use their own email addresses for work. Neither should we expect our volunteers to use their personal email addresses for HREW business. We would like to thank everyone for their co-operation and patience. Having now completed the email project, we need to embrace more technological change by integrating websites. This was agreed as a worthwhile project by the trustees at their meeting last October and a short presentation was given at the 2017 conference by George Smith of Serif Systems Ltd giving an outline of what can be accomplished.

More from Conference 2017 – Website Project

Quite a lot of Healing Rooms have websites, but there are quite a lot who do not have websites. Usually, those who have websites either have a team member or they know someone who can put together a website and maintain it. HREW would like to remove that barrier, so anyone can maintain a website without any web building knowledge. To some, the thought of managing and maintaining a website is daunting, but HREW would like you to reconsider, because:

Managing and maintaining a website is as easy as writing an email or sending a text.

Imagine in the near future:

Each Healing Room has a website. It does not have to be complicated, but it would probably contain (a) information about the local Healing Room, location, opening times, contact details (b) details of any organised events such as a Training Course, Healing Service, one day Regional Conference etc. (c) testimonies of healings and miracles.

Each Healing Room publishing its testimonies on its own website, but they were also automatically sent to the HREW website. This would mean there was a website which had hundreds of testimonies of healings, miracles and salvations throughout England and Wales, giving a witness that God loves people and is expressing His love to them in this way.

Each Healing Room holding events in its locality. It could be a Training Course, a healing service, a time of prayer and intercession, a soaking meeting, etc. Instead of just putting these events on their own website and producing flyers etc. they are automatically sent to the HREW website.

Each Healing Room adding some Latest News to its own website, but this automatically updates the latest news on the HREW website.

Each Healing Room updating its details on its own website, but the details are also automatically updated on the HREW website.

The presentation at the conference was saying, this is all possible, it has already been done. Serif Systems Ltd have already done this with the different chapters of FGB UK (The Full Gospel Businessmen UK & Ireland). Other network examples can be found at:

<http://www.orderofstluke.org.uk>

<https://www.minstercleaning.co.uk>

<http://www.livemusicnow.org.uk>

Are we, as Healing Rooms, going to properly use the new technology. All the trustees have already said they are in favour, it is now up to you as individual Healing Rooms to turn the vision into a reality.

What happens Now?

In order for the project to be viable we need to have at least 40 Healing Rooms willing to embrace this project. It is simply spreading a large initial cost over a large number of individual Healing Rooms, therefore making it much cheaper on a pro-rata basis. HREW is willing to absorb some of the costs because it is the HREW website that needs to have considerable work done on it so that all the individual Healing Rooms websites can 'talk' to it. Also each local website needs to be altered to enable it to 'talk' to the main website. The first thing we need to know is how many Healing Rooms would like to be involved in this project.

Whether you have a website, or do not have a website is not the main issue, it is a matter of principle. Therefore, as a matter of principle, do you want to be involved in this project, YES or NO? It is not binding, but will give us an indication so we can either press ahead or not. You may have questions, in which case please contact Paul, initially by email and indicate when you are available to talk.

Time scale. It will be a lengthy process and not much will happen at a local level initially. Once all the modifications have taken place with the HREW website then it is likely Halifax Healing Rooms website will be used in testing. Although there is currently no schedule agreed with Serif Systems Ltd, then the likely order of conversion of local websites will be done in the following order: those who already use Serif Systems Ltd for their website, those who do not have a website but want one and finally those who currently have a website and need it converting.

How much will it cost?

These costs are based upon the minimum number of 40 participants in the project.

New website. Initial one-off cost £100. Recurring cost £48 per year.

Copy current website. Initial one-off cost £200. Recurring cost £48 per year

These prices are exceptionally cheap. For example setting up a new basic website costs a minimum of £300 with a recurring cost of £96 per year.

What is the recurring cost? It is for hosting, maintenance and support. Every website takes up space on a computer somewhere, so there is a charge for the space. Support and maintenance means that someone has to be employed to do these tasks. The software packages called Build CMS and Build Commerce are very complex pieces of software and have taken Serif Systems Ltd years to develop. When new features develop such as new devices then the software has to handle them and has to be developed. If you have technical problems or need help in anyway then someone has to be employed to solve the issues.

Raising the finance

(a) you may have sufficient funds available in which case then nothing needs to be done.

(b) you do not have sufficient funds or no funds. You may have some ideas, but here is a suggestion. For example, if there are 10 team members and they all agree to give £1 each every time they meet then over a period of several months the finance is raised for both the initial one-off payment and the annual recurring charge. To put things into perspective, the recurring costs are less than the cost of a normal cup of filter coffee per week.

(c) you may receive donations from several people. Remember to use Gift Aid if possible.

Think about this. If one person visits your Healing Room having seen your website and they become a Christian and get healed, how much value do you put on that?

Paying for each website

This is a proposal which needs to be agreed with the trustees and Serif Systems Ltd. It concerns the one-off initial charge and the first year recurring charge only. Serif Systems Ltd will invoice HREW who will pay the invoice on your behalf. HREW will ask each Healing Room to pay the fixed amounts outlined above. After the first year each Healing Room will receive an invoice from Serif Systems Ltd for the annual recurring charge.

Design Templates

For those who do not have a website, you can look at the possible design templates available, which will be altered according to your instructions. Each template just gives an overall indicative design. Please note template 3 moves the menu to the side when viewed in landscape mode on a tablet or other portable device.

<http://hr1.buildcms.co.uk>;

<http://hr2.buildcms.co.uk>;

<http://hr3.buildcms.co.uk>

We praise God for Christian Business men and women who know that their ministry is in the business world. They bless Christian ministries such as HREW with their expertise enabling us to fulfil our mission and vision. Thank you George Smith for being such a blessing to many Christian Organisations both locally and nationally.