

The TMC Community (Forum) user Instructions

The TMC Community forum is an area on our website that all members and guest's can interact and post news regarding the TMC.

To gain access, and to interact with the community/forum you must first Register by completing the registration form found on the top Burgundy Bar "REGISTER", Once completed that form will be sent to one of the administrators for authorisation. Once authorised you will receive an email stating that you have been accepted to the community and will then be able to post, reply and interact with the Community/Forum.

Below is a brief outline of how to use the forum and the terminology used within each section.

Should you experience difficulties, either accessing are using the forum please email me and I will do my utmost to try and help in greater detail.

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The basic layout and terminology of the Main Page

The screenshot shows the main page of the TMC Community Forum. The page is divided into several sections, each with a red header bar. The sections are: 'The TMC Community Forum', 'Web Site Discussion', and 'Bristol Area'. Each section contains a list of topics with their respective post counts, topic counts, and the last post information.

Annotations and callouts:

- Top Burgundy Bar:** "These Burgundy Bars are the 'CATEGORIES' Only Admin can Add or Edit"
- Section Headers:** "These Bars are the 'BOARDS' within each 'CATEGORY'"
- Unread Posts:** "This area tells you information regarding new items since your last visit." (Callout points to a yellow highlight on the 'Unread Posts' link in the 'The TMC Community Forum' section.)
- Topic Icons:** "These Icons will change colour when new post's or updates are made." (Callout points to the globe icons next to the topic titles.)
- Bottom Right:** "This area at the bottom right gives you the status information about the the Whole Forum in General" (Callout points to the 'Forum Stats' box.)
- Topic Highlight:** "This area tells you information about the Board and topics within the board." (Callout points to a yellow highlight on a topic in the 'Bristol Area' section.)

(Fig 1)

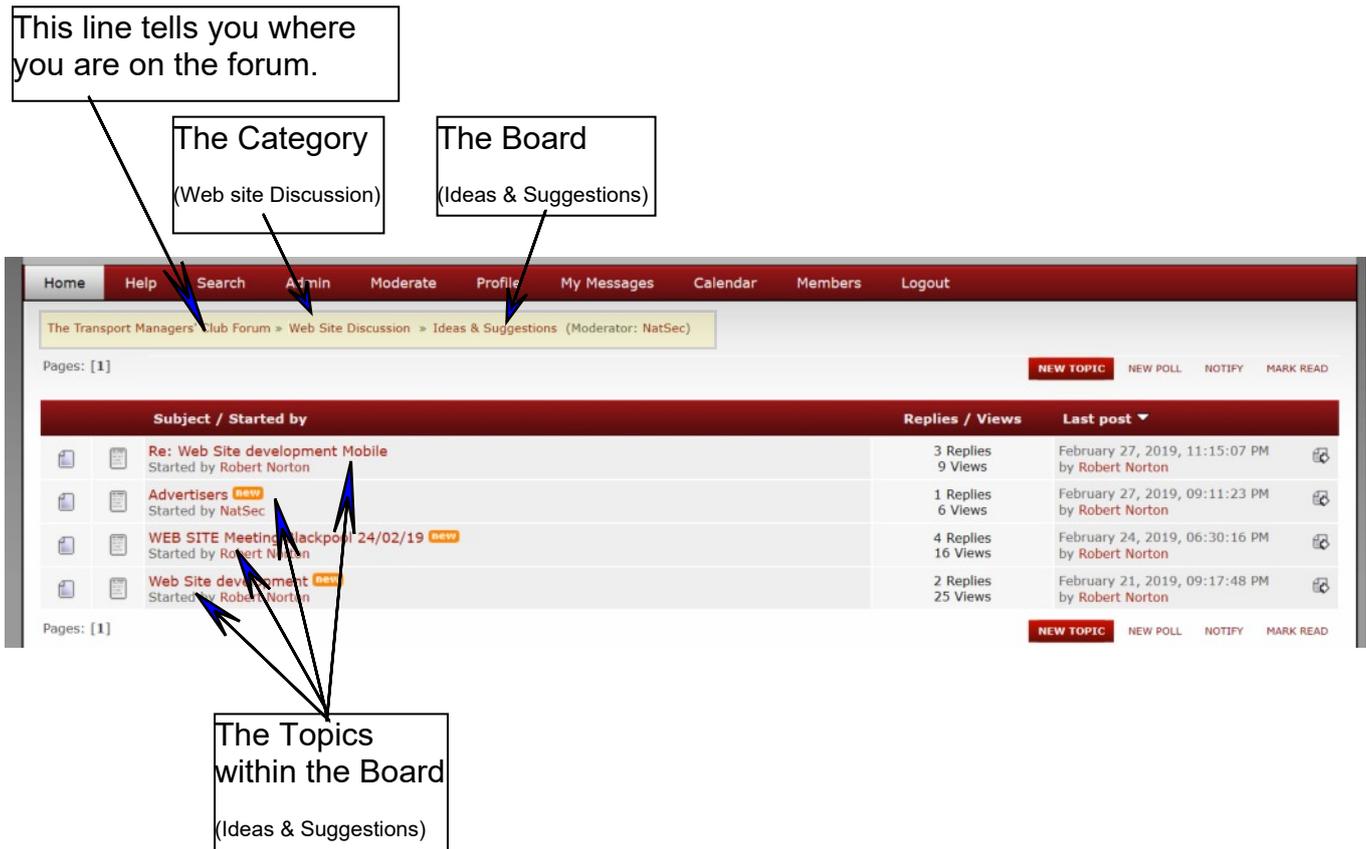
Navigating your way round

For the purpose of this “Demo” I will be using the category “**Web Site Discussion**” and the board “**Ideas and Suggestions**” as listed on the picture on page 1, fig 1.

(I am aware that this category may not show up when you look at the actual forum, this is due to this category being limited as to who has access)

The image below is the first page that will be presented when you click on the “**Board**” within the category.

As you can see within the “**Ideas and Suggestions**” board there are now 4 “**Topics**” listed. You can also see the “status” of these Topics on the right hand side, ie. How many replies, how many have viewed it, and who was the last user to post anything.



(Fig 2)

Topic's



We will now open (click on) the “**Web Site development Mobile**” Topic

(Fig 3)

Inside the Topic

As you can now see we have a discussion taking place. The discussion is continued by the user pressing the “REPLY” button and completing the form pop-up. (basicaly like an email reply). Also within the reply you can add Icons, emoticons, links to anywhere, files for downloading and images. This is at the lower part of the pop-up window.

The screenshot shows a forum thread titled "Re: Web Site development Mobile". The thread contains several posts:

- Robert Norton** (Administrator, Lancashire Area Member): "After discussions this morning, I have decided to do some development on the 'Mobile' site. This will not show on the main site until I reached a stage that I think is acceptable for public view, however if you either RM, me or email I will give you the address where it can be viewed and commented on. Would like and appreciate some feedback if poss to make sure I'm going in the right direction an also how it works on 'mobile' environment. Mobile Forum will follow soon !!!"
- National Treasurer** (Area Officers, Newbie): "Hi Rob
Not sure if I can be informative on the mobile site but any info on same must help.
Jim"
- Robert Norton** (Administrator, Lancashire Area Member): "I am investigating and constructing a mobile site for viewing on smartphones etc. I am also looking at building an App for ios and android for ease of use for the forum."
- Robert Norton** (Administrator, Lancashire Area Member): "As the Mobile (smartphone) site is a much smaller screen size and will require a totally different approach to the main site I am thinking of reducing the "pages" available on the mobile site..... Think of it as an App (if poss) I do not think that "people" will delve into great depths and read huge articles of interest on a phone screen so I am therefore thinking of reducing the site down to the bare essentials of what we require as listed below:-
"First" (home) screen will be the welcome page as is on main site, (the one that states "under construction" at the moment).
"Menu" will be at top of each page so navigation is as easy as can be. links will include all pages on mobile site, plus link to main THC (PC) site and various links to the Forum (app).
"About Us", Short description of Club and objects etc. similar to first "about Us" and maybe include officers etc. etc.
"Contact Us", Page with email to Nat Sec plus email Enquiry Form.
"Club Areas", as on main site first Area page inc. Sec email links. (not sure at this point if we need all other additional "area" pages (thoughts Please)
"Future Events", basically same as main site, including link to forum and Calendar (community forum)
Pages excluded or up for discussion are:-
History,
Individual Area Pages, with possible exception of Future events. ??
Sponsors ??
Membership Application form.)
Your thoughts are required on this matter and I would appreciate you input.."

(Fig 4)

Start a NEW TOPIC

If you cannot see a relative “Topic” within the selected “Board” for your NEW discussion then you can add a “New Topic”. This can be found on the first level “click” within the board.

This will add a new line of discussion within the selected board... Please be aware that other user’s may have already started a discussion on your particular subject and you should use the “Search” button on the top line to find any results.

The screenshot shows a forum board with the following topics:

Subject / Started by	Replies / Views	Last post
Re: Web Site development Mobile Started by Robert Norton	3 Replies 9 Views	February 27, 2019, 11:15:07 PM by Robert Norton
Advertisers new Started by NatSec	1 Replies 6 Views	February 27, 2019, 09:11:23 PM by Robert Norton
WEB SITE Meeting Blackpool 24/02/19 new Started by Robert Norton	4 Replies 16 Views	February 24, 2019, 06:30:16 PM by Robert Norton
Web Site development new Started by Robert Norton	2 Replies 25 Views	February 21, 2019, 09:17:48 PM by Robert Norton

(Fig 5)

