

WeAre.xyz

Bringing people & places to life

The WeAre.xyz Community

A Practical Guide

Bringing together lovers of history and nostalgia

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The WeAre.xyz Community & Groups

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Overview

Welcome... to the WeAre.xyz Community, where structured research becomes shared conversation. Look for '**Community**' at the top of every screen.

The Community Page: This is a space into which you can post content from any of your archives and blogs, as well as create direct posts composed of text and/or images.

The only people who can see your posts are other WeAre.xyz users who YOU ALLOW to follow you. You will receive notifications of requests to follow.

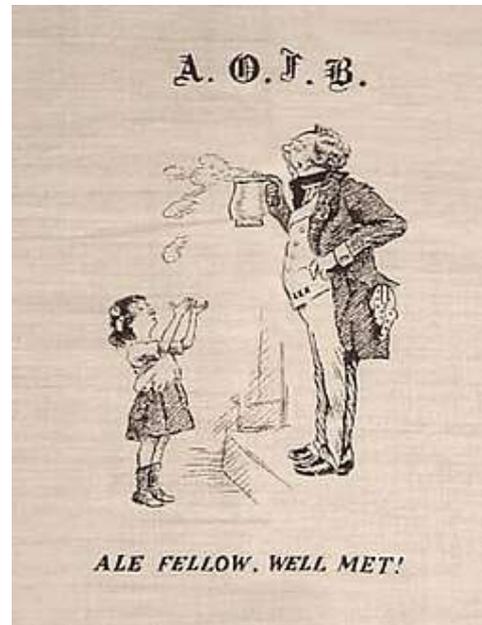
Aside from your own, you will see posts from other users who have accepted your own requests to follow them. You can search for users by name or username and send a request to people you know and individuals with profiles that look of interest to you.

Group Pages: You can create Groups for which you are the Super Admin and invite people to join.

You can search for existing Groups and 'request to join'. Groups are set up to bring together those who share any passion.

- maybe just be you plus a good friend & research buddy
- specific project collaborators
- a society/institution
- a course cohort sharing progress and ideas
- ...

who knows maybe the revived '[Ancient Order of Froth Blowers](#)' will take an interest (founded 1921).



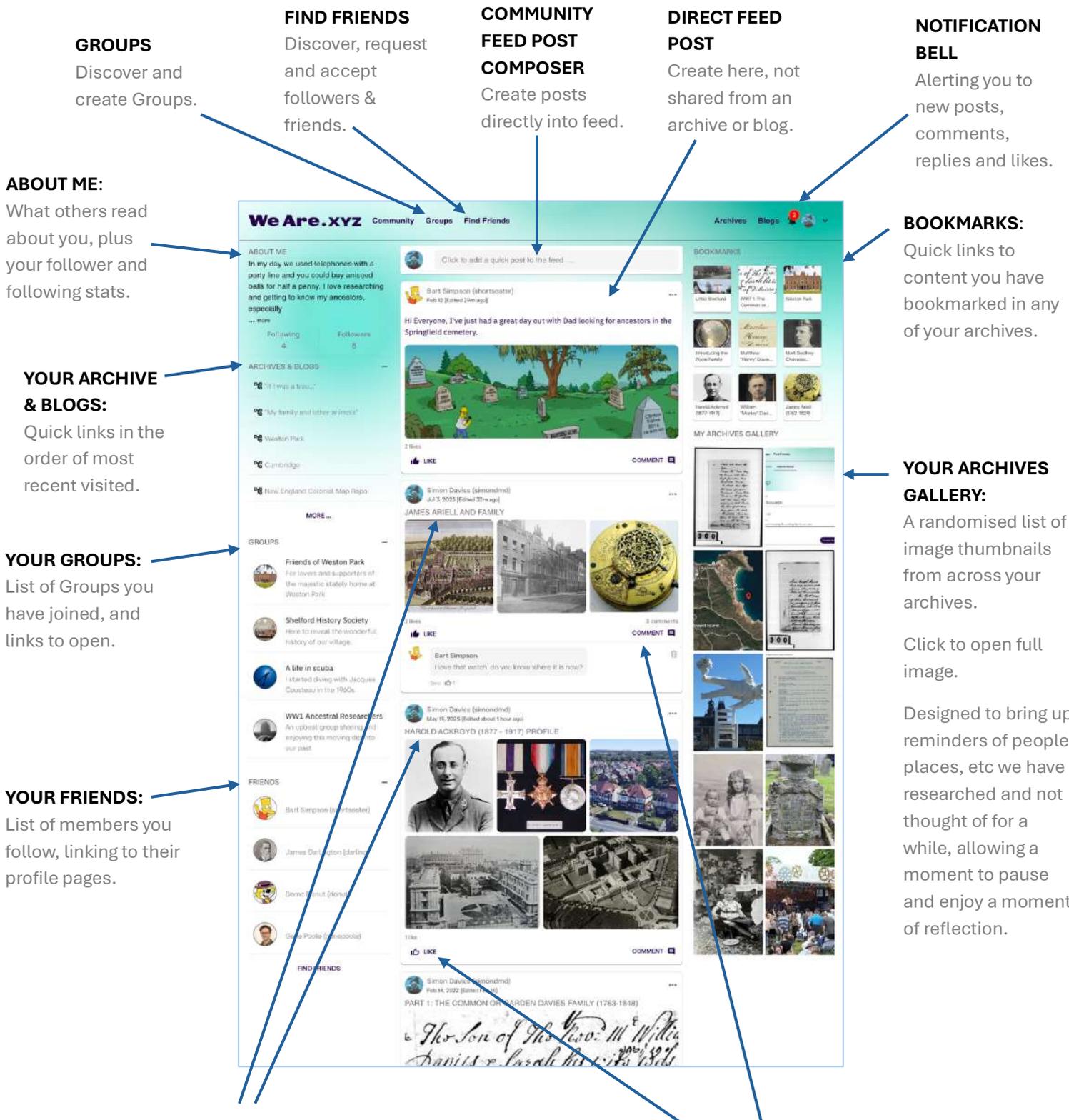
You will see a '**Community**' menu item top left of every screen.



Click **Community** and you will be greeted with your empty state Community Feed. Once you are following others and being followed, and joining groups, your Community page will start looking like the next page.

Anatomy of the Community Page

This is a breakdown of the key elements you will find in your Community page. It is personalised to you and is designed to be your 'mission control' for interacting with the wider community and for quickly navigating between archives, blogs and bookmarked content.



GROUPS

Discover and create Groups.

FIND FRIENDS

Discover, request and accept followers & friends.

COMMUNITY FEED POST COMPOSER

Create posts directly into feed.

DIRECT FEED POST

Create here, not shared from an archive or blog.

NOTIFICATION BELL

Alerting you to new posts, comments, replies and likes.

ABOUT ME:

What others read about you, plus your follower and following stats.

YOUR ARCHIVE & BLOGS:

Quick links in the order of most recent visited.

YOUR GROUPS:

List of Groups you have joined, and links to open.

YOUR FRIENDS:

List of members you follow, linking to their profile pages.

BOOKMARKS:

Quick links to content you have bookmarked in any of your archives.

YOUR ARCHIVES GALLERY:

A randomised list of image thumbnails from across your archives.

Click to open full image.

Designed to bring up reminders of people, places, etc we have researched and not thought of for a while, allowing a moment to pause and enjoy a moment of reflection.

ARCHIVE & BLOG CONTENT SHARED TO FEED:

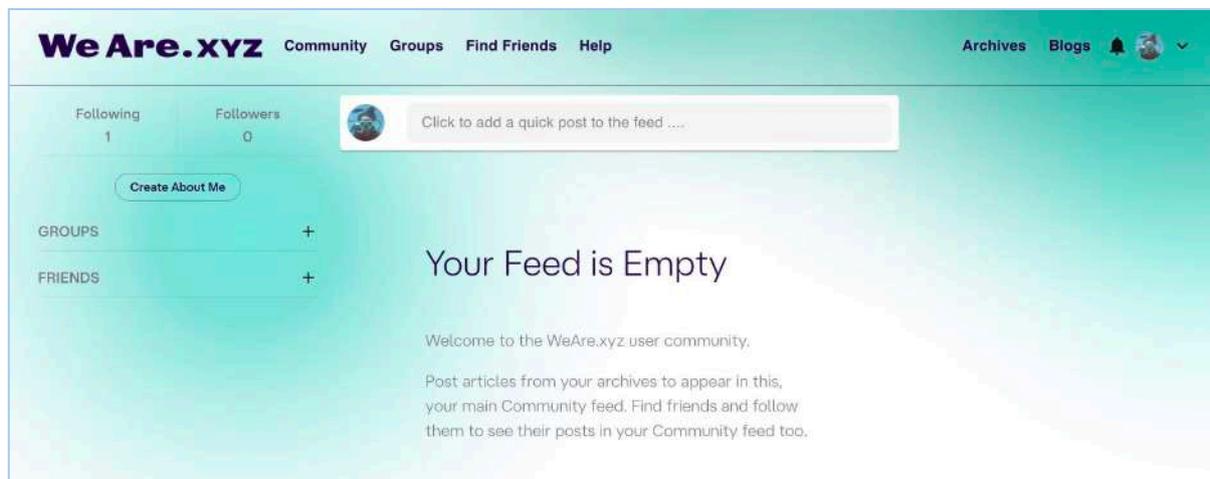
Article, documents and images created by members you follow which they have shared from their own archives.

LIKES & COMMENTS:

At the bottom of each post are action buttons for viewing and creating Likes and Comment.

Getting Started

This is what greets you when you first click ‘Community’.



If you expand the **FRIENDS** list by clicking the ‘+’ you will notice that you are automatically following WeAre’s very own ‘Gene Poole’. Gene is there to answer any queries and make helpful announcements from time to time.

Setting Up Your Profile

About Me



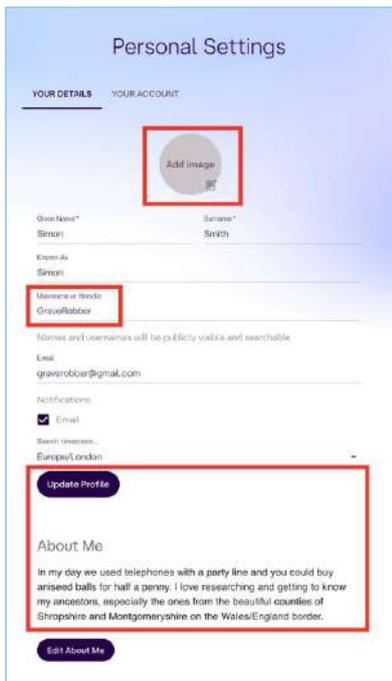
Your Community profile includes an **ABOUT ME** section. Start by clicking this button to open the About Me text editor.

This is a great opportunity to help other community members find people with shared interests. You could include your key ancestral names and places, current research focus, where you live, general interests, anything you’d like people to know. Maybe you are a professional and want to link to your business website.

Personal Settings



To review and edit all your profile options, click **Personal Settings** accessed as shown here to the left. You will find options for adding your profile image, username and also About Me again.



Profile Avatar: click the circle and upload a profile image for your community avatar.

Username: You are allocated a system generated username based on your name, but you can change this in the field shown, if your choice is available. So, grab the one you want before it goes.

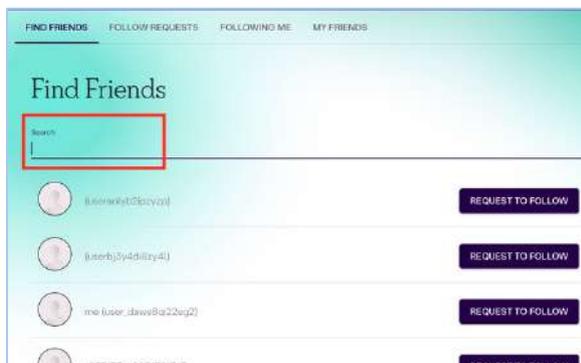
Edit About Me: edit your ABOUT ME from here at any time. Note this is different for any About Me pages you may create in each of your Blogs.

Finding Friends

Click 'Find Friends' to identify some people to follow:



You may know people from the [WeAre.xyz Facebook group](#) or are aware of other WeAre.xyz users through a Society perhaps. By all means send a request to me, you can search my name or username '**simondmd**' as shown:



Find Friends is one of four tabs in this section, the others are:

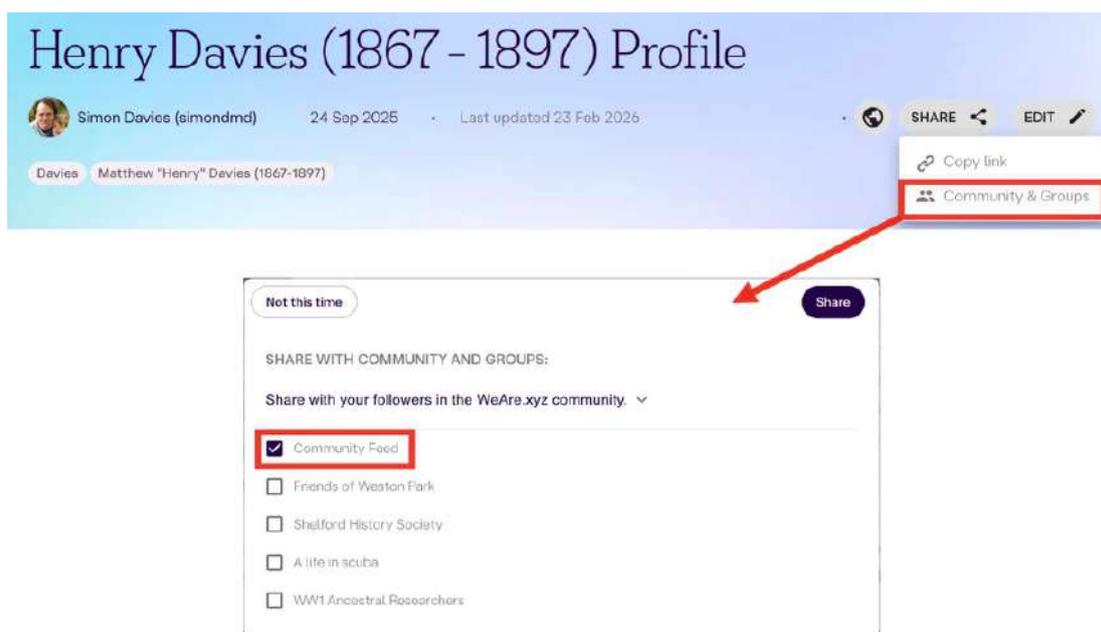
- **Follow Requests:** from other members of the community.
- **Following Me:** members whose requests you have accepted.
- **My Friends:** members who have accepted your follow requests.

Posting to your Community Feed

There are two types of post you can make in your Community Feed; firstly, you can share content (initially Articles and Documents, to be followed by Media and Albums) from any of your Archives and Blogs, and secondly you can create a post directly in the Feed which can be text and images.

Sharing/Posting from your Archives and Blogs

To share an archive Article, Document, or a Blogpost, open it and press the **SHARE** button, then select 'Community & Groups'.



Check the Community Feed check box. You'll also see Groups you have. Your article/document/blogpost will be shared as a post into each of checked destinations (in this example only the main Community Feed is checked).

Note, if the article/document/blogpost is posted in these destinations already, then you will find the checkboxes filled in each time you click share. You can uncheck to remove the content from each (as well as from within the Community itself).

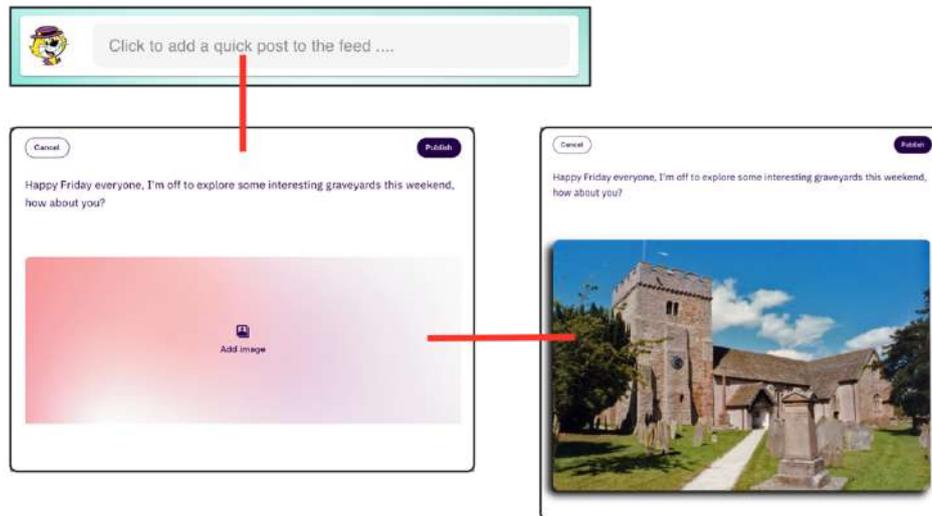
First Time Publish

When you click **Publish** for an article/document/blogpost for the FIRST TIME ONLY, you will be offered this same Community & Group sharing dialog.

Once a checkbox is selected for a piece of content, it stays selected each time you click share. If you uncheck, the item will be removed from that destination (i.e. the Community Feed or a Group).

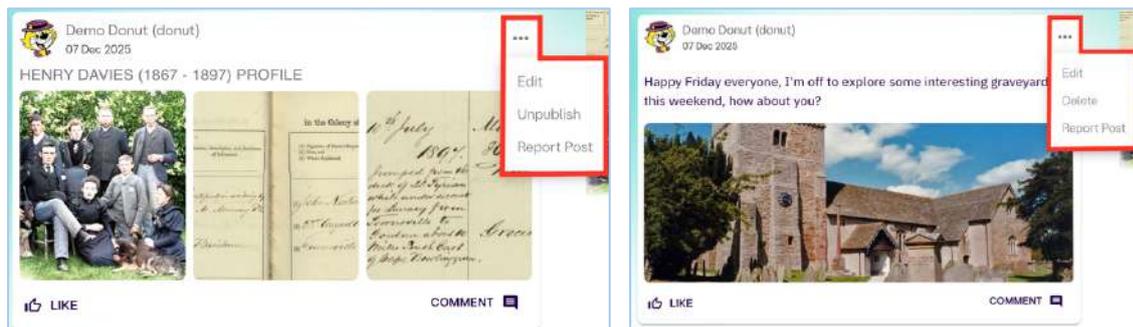
Direct Feed Posts

At the top of the Community & Group Feeds you will see this 'quick post' editor. Click to create a simple post directly into the Feed



Editing, Unpublishing Posts, Deleting Direct Posts, Report Post

The three dots top right on any post reveal a menu which includes Edit, Unpublish (in the case of an Archive post) or Delete (in the case of a direct feed post) and Report Post.



Edit for an Archive post will open the original Article in its Archive in Edit mode.

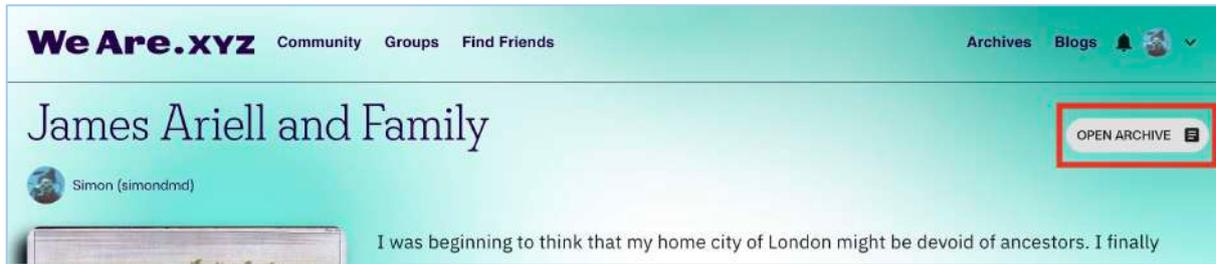
Opening Posts

Shared from Archives & Blogs

Click on the main body area of an archive post to open. The article/document or blog post will open fully with tell-tale community background pattern.

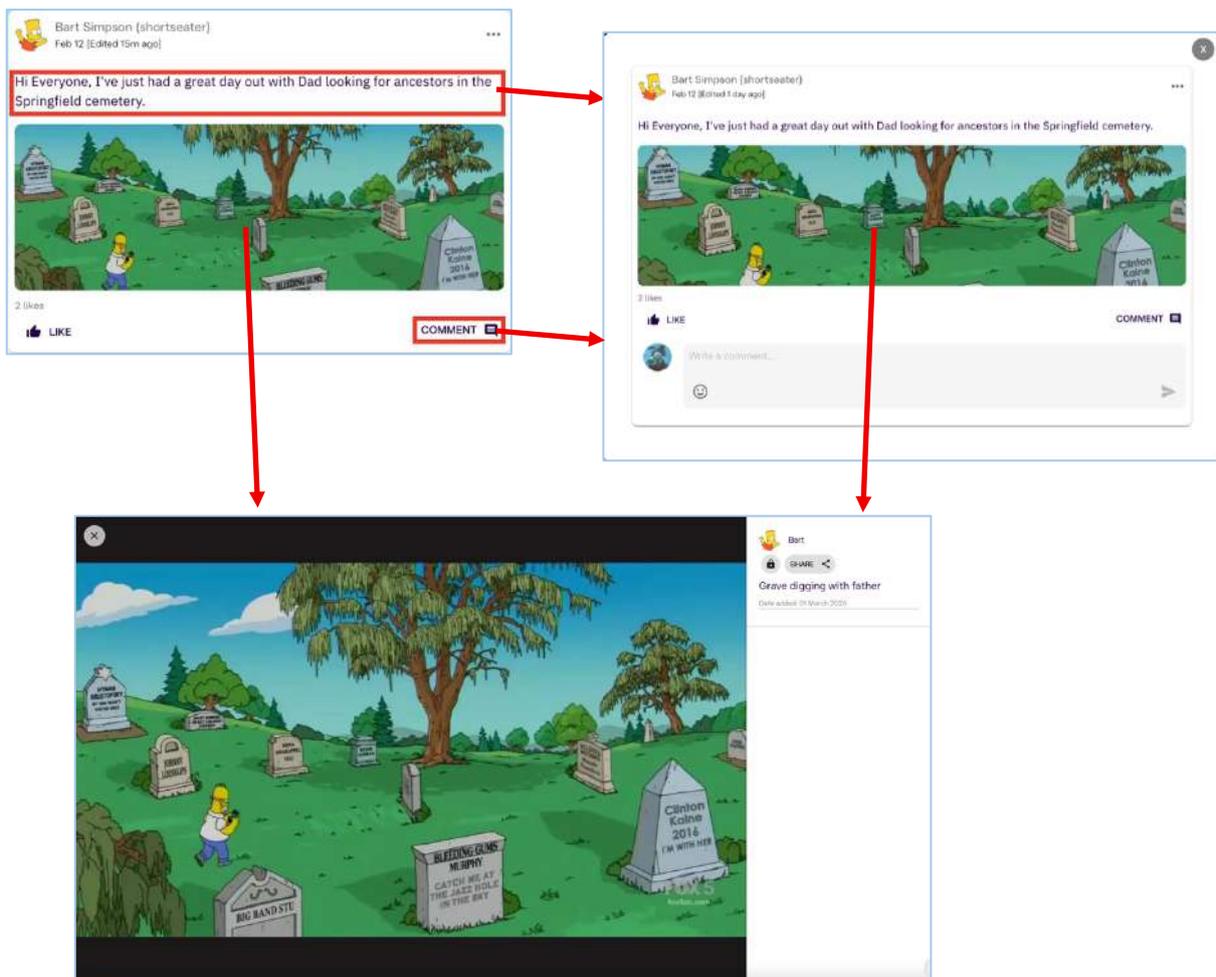


If the post was shared from a public archive you will see an option to go to the full archive and explore it more widely:



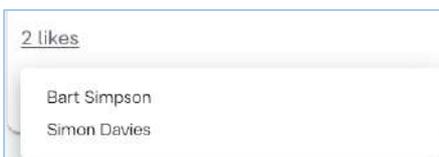
Direct Feed Posts

Clicking on the body text of the post (below left) or the COMMENT button will open the post in the full comment dialog seen to the right. Clicking on the image (in either) will open the full image



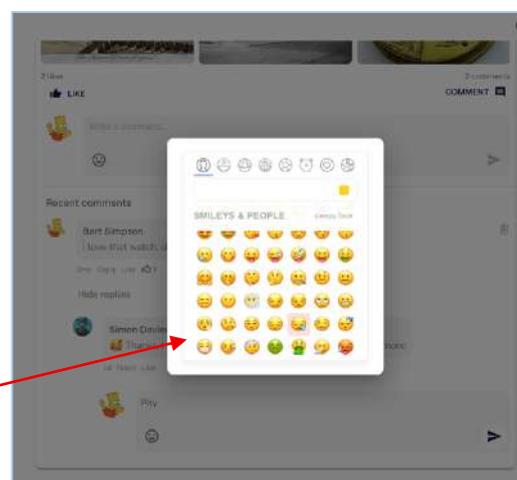
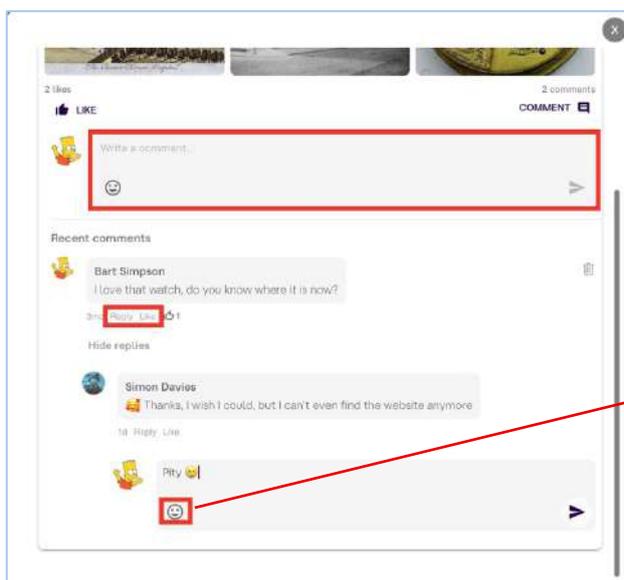
Commenting on & Liking Posts

In your Feed each Post (like the one below) has a **LIKE** and **COMMENT** button, above which is a count indicator. Press the **LIKE** button to add your positive sentiment to the list of those showing their appreciation.



Place your cursor over the **likes** counter to reveal the names behind each like.

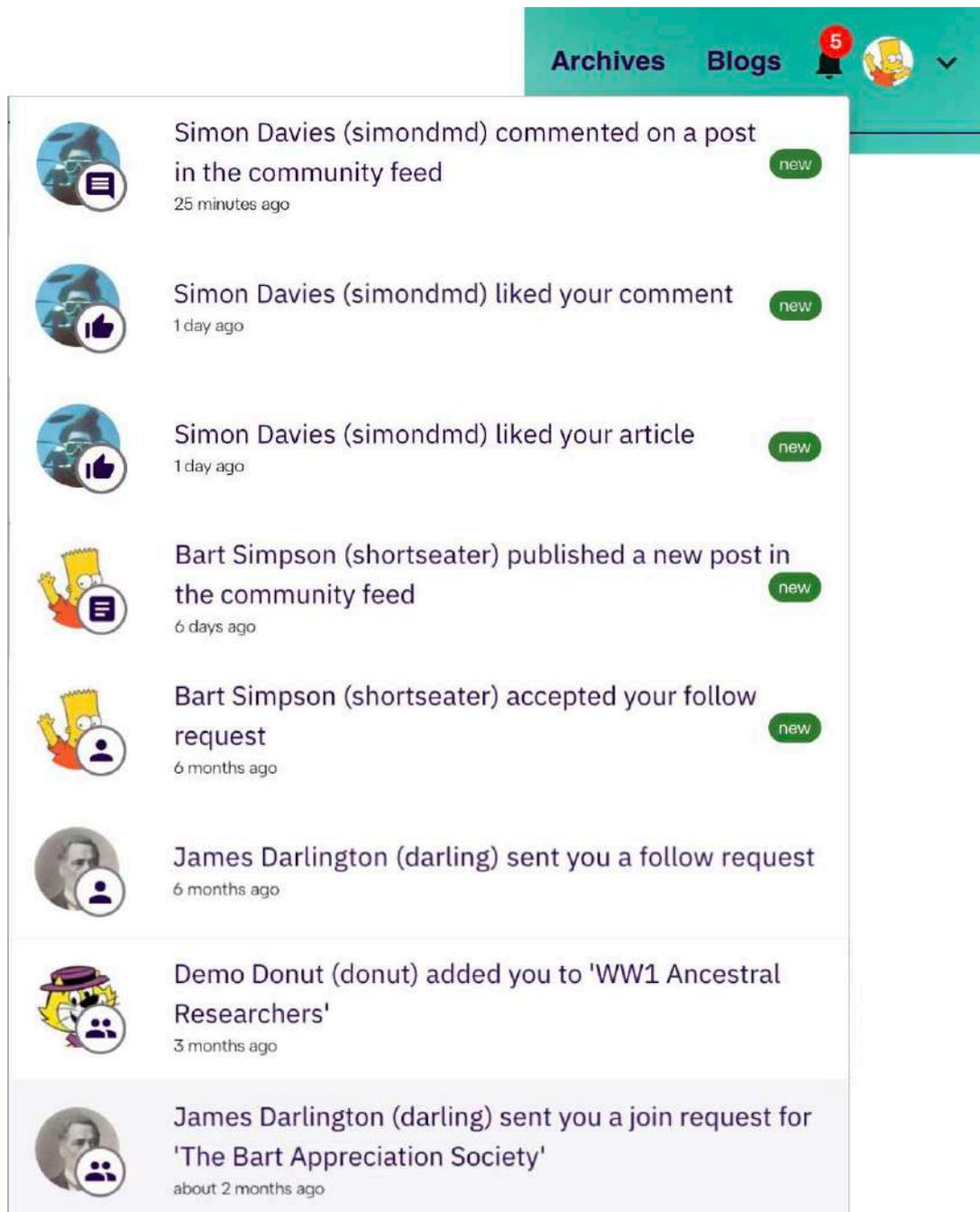
Click **COMMENT** to open the Comment viewing and entering dialog. Type your message and then click the send arrow on the right as shown below. You can reply to existing comments, generating threads, **LIKE** specific comments, and use emoji in your messages:



Notifications

Notifications can be an email with a link and/or an in-app notification indicated by a counter on the bell icon at the top of all screens.

Examples of in-app notifications (the bell indicator):



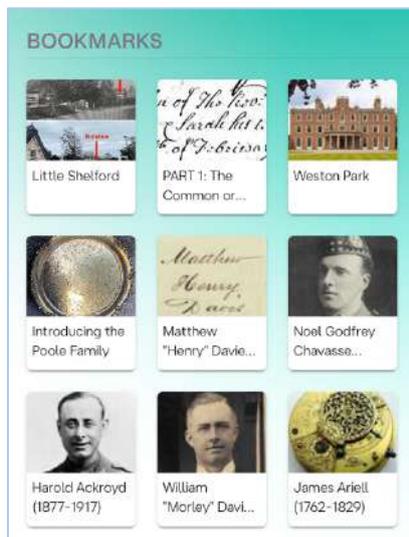
Other Community Page areas

Archives & Blogs List



In the left panel of your main Community Page, this is a list of links to your own Archives and Blogs. The last Archive or Blog you were in will show at the top

Bookmarks



You can **Bookmark** anything in any of your Archives and Blogs, and it will show as a quick link at the top right of your main Community Page.

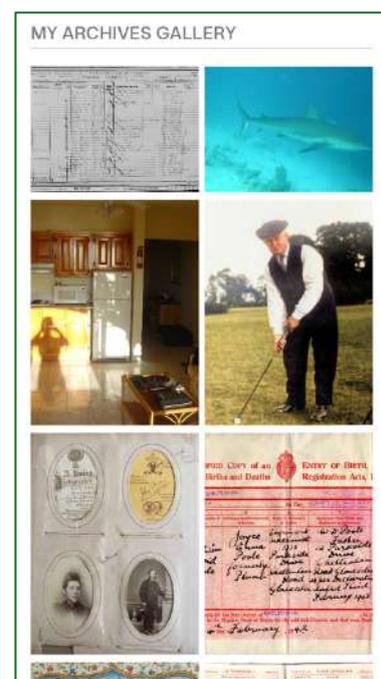
Look for this symbol at the top of your Archives and Blog articles in order to set **Bookmarks**:



My Archives Gallery

Situated in the right-hand panel of your main Community Page, below bookmarks, is this display of thumbnail images selected at random from all Archives which you are a member of. Each time you revisit your main Community Page the thumbnails randomly refresh.

We tend to finish writing up accounts within our archives and rarely visit them again. The intention of the 'My Archive Gallery' is to surface familiar images and bring a smile to our faces as we open them and remember the stories and memories behind them.



Groups

Groups are a fabulous way to come together around a common interest and/or purpose.

Anatomy of a Group (as viewed by a Group Admin)

Here is a typical Group's main page with the central Feed showing the latest posts from its members. This works in the same way as the Community Feed. Members can both post from their Archives and Blogs and create Posts directly in the Feed by clicking the Direct Feed Composer at the centre top of the feed.

GROUP ARTICLES: Create reference articles for the Group.

MEDIA: Media from Direct Feed

MEMBERS: Access to full list of Group members.

DIRECT FEED COMPOSER: Create short posts directly into the feed.

DIRECT FEED POST: Create here, not shared from an archive or blog.

GROUP AVATAR: Admin can click to change/add image.

+ Invite: Open invite new member dialog.

Edit Group Details: Admins can edit Group name and About description.

ABOUT GROUP: Description informing about the Group's focus and purpose, plus number of members.

GROUP GALLERY: A randomised list of image thumbnails from across your archives. Click to open full image. Designed to bring up reminders of people, places, etc we have researched and not thought of for a while, allowing a moment to pause and enjoy a moment of reflection.

YOUR GROUPS: List of Groups you have joined, and links to each.

ARCHIVE & BLOG CONTENT SHARED TO FEED: Article, documents and images created by members you follow which they have shared from their own archives.

LIKES & COMMENTS: At the bottom of each post are action buttons for viewing and creating Likes

Creating Groups

To create, click Groups at the top of your Community section, and then select the “**CREATE GROUP**” tab and fill out the details for your new Group as shown, before clicking the ‘**Create Group**’ button at the bottom.

We Are.xyz Community **Groups** Find Friends Archives Blogs

MY GROUPS DISCOVER GROUPS **CREATE GROUP**

Create Group

1. NAME YOUR GROUP
WW1 Ancestral Research ✓

2. GROUP DESCRIPTION
Describe what your group is about ...
An upbeat group sharing and enjoying this moving dip into our past

Create Group

Once created, your Group will show in your list of Groups on the right-hand side of your main Community Page. Each time you open a Group it will move to the top of this list.

We Are.xyz Community Groups Find Friends Archives Blogs

ABOUT ME
Hi, I'm the Demo Donut guy who looks like a cartoon cat from the 1970s. I purr away every time I solve a brick wall :)

ARCHIVES & BLOGS
 All the Katz
 The Great Big Donut Blog
 New User Demo Site

GROUPS
 WW1 Ancestral Researchers
An upbeat group sharing and e...

FRIENDS
 Simon Davies (simondmd)

FIND FRIENDS

Click to add a quick post to the feed ...

Demo Donut (donut)
07 Dec 2025
Happy Friday everyone, I'm off to explore some interesting graveyards this weekend, how about you?

1 like
LIKE COMMENT

Simon Davies • 07 December 2025 21:05
What a gorgeous church, which county is it in?

Demo Donut (donut)
07 Dec 2025
HENRY DAVIES (1867 - 1897) PROFILE

BOOKMARKS
 Henry Davies (1867 - 1897)...

MY ARCHIVES GALLERY

Being Group Admin

As creator, you are Super Admin and can make other members into Admins, and also demote them. Admins can edit all Group details, but cannot remove or demote the Super Admin.

Searching and Requesting to Join a Group

You may have heard of a Group you'd like to join, maybe you are on a WeAre.xyz course and you need to join the course cohort group, or your Society has a dedicated WeAre Group.

Click Groups in the top menu bar, select the **DISCOVER GROUPS** tab and start typing the Group's name, or a key part of it. The Group will appear below, and you can click **REQUEST TO JOIN**:



The Group's Admins will receive a notification of your request (both in-app and by email):



Clicking either notification takes the Admin to the screen below, where they can **ACCEPT** your request.



You will receive notifications when your request is accepted:



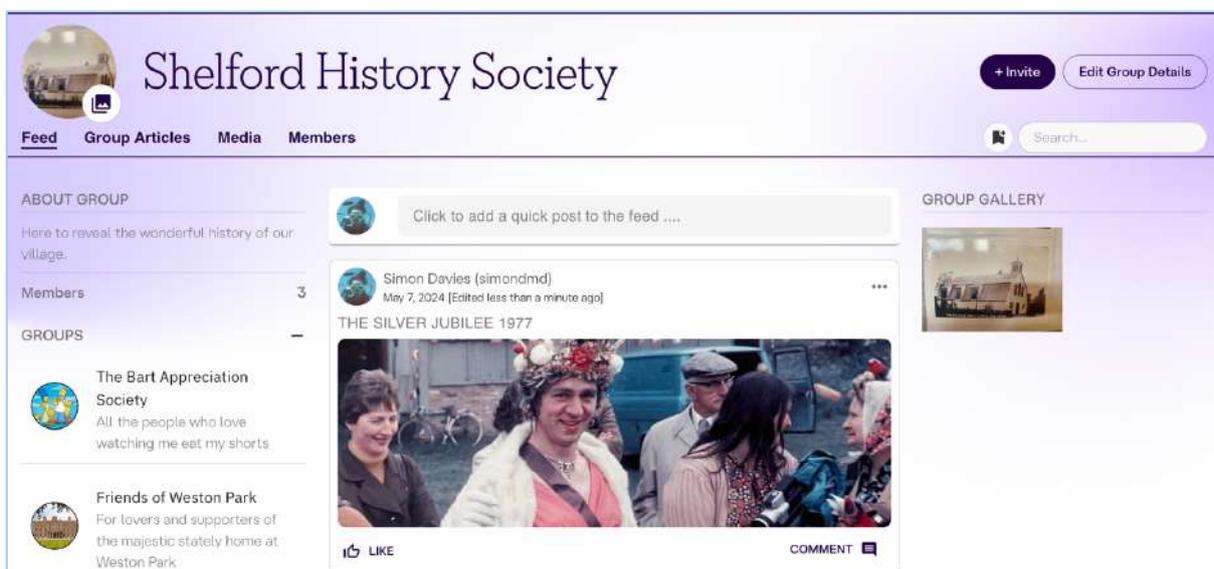
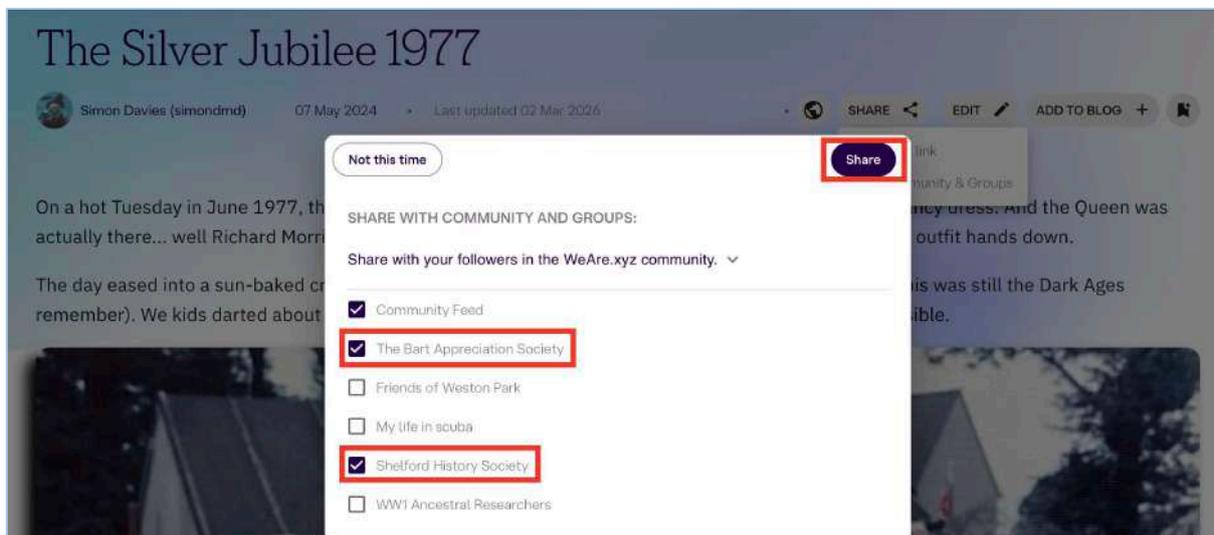
Posting within a Group

Posting within a Group works in exactly the same way as posting to your main Community Feed.

You can:

- Share Articles, Documents or Blogposts using the **Share → Community & Groups** dialog.
- Create direct posts using the **quick post editor** at the top of the Group Feed.
- Edit, unpublish or delete posts via the three-dot menu.
- Like and comment on posts in the same way as in the main Community Feed.

The only difference is the destination - posts appear within the selected Group rather than your main Community Feed, as shown below:

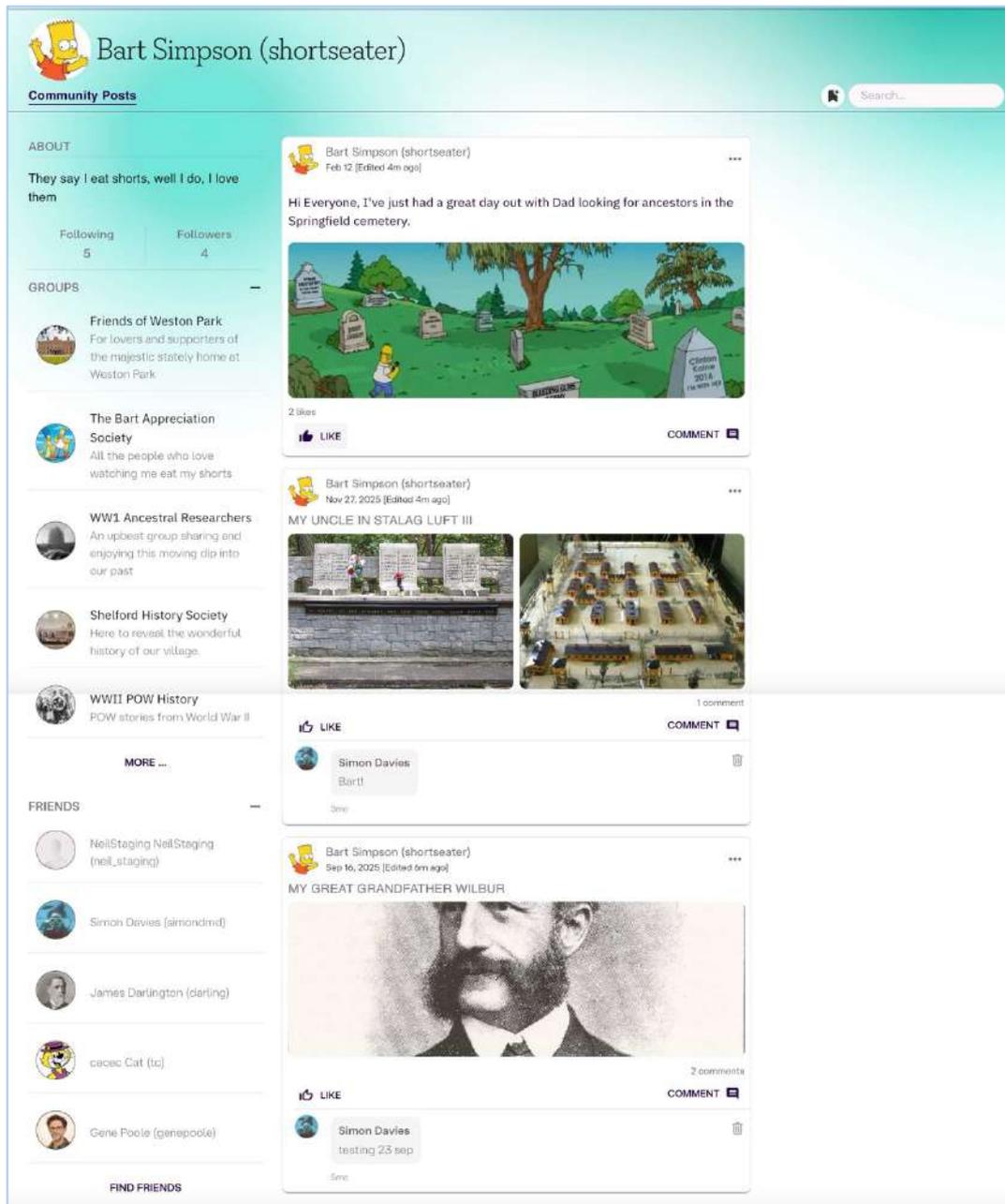


Other Features

Opening other user profiles

If you click on the profile avatar of a Community member in your Friends list, or where it appears on one of their posts, you will open their profile page which shows all their posts, About Me, Follower/Following Stats, and lists of Groups and Friends.

If you do not follow that person, you will not see their posts. Member posts are restricted to other members who have had a follow request accepted.



Support & Further Help

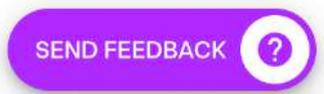
Good luck!

We hope this guide proves useful and that you find fun and fulfilment within the WeAre.xyz Community.

If you have any questions, please contact us at any time.

Send Feedback

In the first instance, we recommend the **'Send Feedback'** button on each page of your archives. It creates a support ticket so we won't miss it, and you can also attach a screenshot to help explain your question.



Email Support

Another option is to email: support@weare.xyz

YouTube Playlist

For broader information on using WeAre.xyz, there is an extensive playlist on our YouTube site:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaHPRkiXL-lx7s_iNrVK6Vzpoo1lgT7dg

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WeAre.xyz helps individuals, families and researchers gather documents, photographs, memories and places into structured, connected archives that can be explored and understood.

Build coherent articles. Link people and places. Add geography and context. Share your structured research with friends, family and followers - and let conversation grow around the stories you preserve.

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