

Digital Communications Audit Report

Walter Gregor's



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Glossary	
BA – Bon Accord	
CTA – Call to Action	
DA – Domain authority	
FT - Fever-tree	
GA – Google Analytics	
SEO – Search Engine Optimisation	
SERPs – Search Engine Results Pages	
UGC – User Generated Content	
WG – Walter Gregor's	

Digital Communications Audit Report

Part One: situational analysis

A. Business objective

Walter Gregor's are a company founded by Claire Ronnie in the former parish of Pitsligo in Peathill, Aberdeenshire.

Claire created Walter Gregor's, a reality based on naturally made soft drinks, to pair with the increasing number of craft Scottish gins.

Walter Gregor's main goal is to sell their products. They tempt customers to purchase the different types of tonic waters on the website via direct purchase, gifts, or subscription boxes.

Creating a marketing strategy means setting a goal using the SMART framework (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-based). This helps to keep businesses focused on achieving their goals in an organised way and can verify if they have been reached (Chartered Management Institute, 2014).

The overall direction of the company has been defined; what Walter Gregor's should improve is how to achieve this object.

Accordingly, they should:

- Better promote products through the engaging content and advertising on social media.
- Improve Google Analytics.
- Increase website visits.

Aiming to increase sales by 20%, gain 5 new backlinks from high-ranking website and get at least 200 new subscription boxes by this time the next year, thereby building customer loyalty and brand awareness.

B. Digital SWOT Analysis

A SWOT Analysis is a simple structured approach to assess a company's strategic position during planning, identifying the company's strengths and weaknesses and comparing these features to opportunities and threats within the environment.

Therefore, before making any business decisions, there should be an evaluation of where the company is right now and where it wants to go before implementing new ideas.

The following SWOT Analysis table was conducted and created to help the client to understand where their business is thriving and what they can improve on.

STRENGHTS

- High quality of the ingredients that can give the right answer to those looking for something tasty, but with natural components.
- Good photography quality.
- Clear website navigation with well-organized and responsive content on different platforms.
- Sustainable company with ecological packaging.

WEAKNESSES

- No welcome emails when you sign up for the newsletter.
- Website is only available in English.
- They do not use Google My Business and interact little with customers.
- They do not have a specific target audience.
- The appearance of the website could be improved because sometimes the fonts used are different, prices are missing, and some elements are not aligned.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Update social media pages with more engaging content.
- Collaboration with a local blogger/influencer.

Digital C

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- Improve the configuration of Google Analytics.
- Develop a more effective email marketing strategy, as for now they

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- Improve SEO by creating partnerships, boosting the blog, getting new backlinks, and improving newsletters.

THREATS

- Competitors with a larger budget to spend on their digital marketing strategy.
- Shipping problems and delays.
- Quite expensive products range.

Table 1 - SWOT Analysis

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C. Target audience

The client did not specify a precise target audience (TA) during the meeting, she only said that usually the purchases from the website are for the customer themselves or as a gift (Client Video Meeting, 2021).

Therefore, it is necessary to consult Google Analytics (GA) for more information, but in order to avoid influencing the data due to the analyses for the RGU project's development, the period considered is 01.06.2021-31.08.2021.

The audience report on Walter Gregor's GA, in that period, has not been set up well, so is it not possible to get any information about the users' gender and age. However, GA shows that the biggest user location comes from Scotland (Google Analytics, 2021).

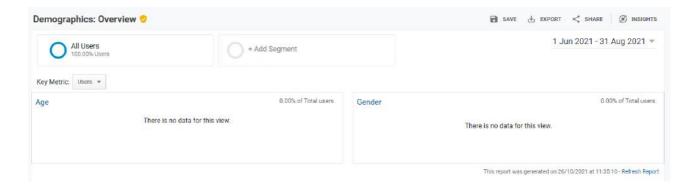
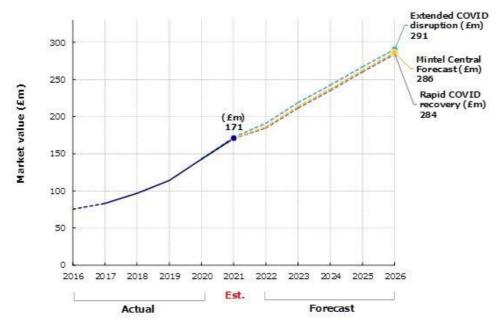


Figure 1 - GA demographics overview

The Covid-19, whether on one hand has generated the cut to non-essential spending, on the other hand has pushed the consumers to focus on health and wellbeing habits.

In fact, 37% of adults said that the pandemic period made them treat themselves more to luxury food and drink which supports their immune system (Mintel, 2021). In addition, many workers will continue to work from home in the future and this will impact the drinks that consumers will seek to have in their houses.

Indeed, the low and no-alcohol drinks retail sales grew up by 25% in 2020 and a further 20% is expected in 2021, filled by the alcohol moderation trend (Mintel, 2021).



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Figure 2 - Market size and COVID-19 scenario forecast for retail value sales in the low and no-alcohol drinks market, 2016-2026. Source: based on IRI/Mintel.

Regarding the demographic aspect, women who drink alcohol are less frequent than men and usually they pay more attention to their health (Mintel, 2020).

Plus, women are still the biggest shoppers for themselves or to give someone a gift.

The pandemic has also increased consumer interest in environmental causes and for this reason, brands have raised their commitment in this regard, particularly on the packaging. Additionally, 48% of adults agree that the Coronavirus outbreak has made it more important for them to buy local products (Mintel, 2021).

Therefore, the most suitable buyer persona for Walter Gregor's is a 35+ female based in Aberdeen who cares about sustainability, with a healthy life and disposable income. A woman who works from home due to the pandemic and who likes to indulge in a handcrafted drink with natural ingredients in her spare time or to give a unique and different gift to her friends.

A creative customer profile board can be found in Appendix 1.

D. Competitor analysis

Bon Accord and Fever-tree were chosen for competitor analysis due to similar service, products and price offering.

Criteria	Competitor 1						
Business name	BON ACCORD (BA)						
URL	https://bonaccordsoftdrinks.com/						
Reach	 Search Engine Incognito Mode They rank enough highly using the water" because they appear on the Google's Search Engine Results Page When searching more specifically for Scotland" they appear on the page of They do not have Google My Business Backlinks (using Moz Link Explorer) Domain Authority 27/100. 	page 2 of the es (SERPs). For "tonic water of the SERPs.					
	The backlinks below are from higher 742 total backlinks to the homer domains (update on 14/11/2021). Top followed links to this site URL	page from 128					
	bit.ly/Bon_Accord_Soft_Drinks @ ow.ly/eazq30luCPu @	54 45					
	www.buzzfeed.com/scottish-was-your-childhood www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/isis-2517259 www.thecourier.co.uk/non-alcoholic-alternatives/	43					

SEM Rush

- The top keywords are displayed in the Appendix 2.
- 2.2k organic search traffic per month.
- Walter Gregor's are not listed in top 10 competitors.

SEO

- URL, title tag are strong, but the meta-description could be improved because is more than 160 characters and could include more keywords (Figure 3).
- They do not use SEA or PPC.

Social media (update on 28/10/2021):

Facebook followers: 3946

• Instagram followers: 5623

Twitter followers: 2518

They update their social media pages frequently through posts with a lot of colors, hashtags and engaging content to attire the users' attention.

They use the social media to promote the company products but also to give educational information to the users (Figure 4).

Act

- Average homepage load time: 0.50 seconds.
- Website is easy to use with responsive design on all platforms, simple to navigate through and useful content to interact with.
- The design, the way the contents are setting on the website and the colours catch the users attention.
 Fresh and contemporary style website.
- Social media buttons in the footer of the website involve consumers to interact and keep connected with the company.

- High quality and professional images that are attractive to users.
- Multiple and effective CTAs on the website that provide consumers with a pathway on how to get around the website, encouraging them to act (Figure 5).
- They interact with the clients through the website and the social media, e.g. they create a "giveaway" in their last blog post (Figure 6).
- They do not have any videos on the website, but they
 use them on social media along with good quality
 photos to engage and attract users.
- They interact with clients through social media pages, e.g. by reposting their stories (Figure 7).

Convert

- Pop-up message upon opening the website encouraging to sign up to receive 10% off on the first order and to remain updated (Figure 8). CTA "Newsletter sign up" also in the footer of each page.
- Three CTAs at top of each page encouraging users to convert and get the different promotions:
 - 1. 10% OFF first orders when you sign up to our newsletter
 - 2. 20% off Salted Pink Grapefruit Soda!
 - 3. FREE DELIVERY for orders over £30
- Options that offer the answers to possible users' questions (Figure 9).
- CTA "Add to bag" on every product relevant page and for some items also directly on the homepage.
- "Follow us on Instagram" tab on the homepage shows the latest post on the platform creating

	curiosity in the users who are so enticed to find out
	more.
	With all these various CTAs it is easy to take action
	across the website.
	Can contact the company by filling out a basic form
	with personal contact details and leaving a specific
	message, whose link is in the website footer.
	Social shopping enabled on Facebook, making it
	easier to purchase (Figure 10).
Engage	The customers do not have the possibility to leave
	any reviews on the website.
	 They do not have Google My Business where clients
	can leave reviews or ask questions.
	 Welcome mail received with 10% off on the first
	order.
	 Chance to ask questions on the Facebook page
	(Figure 11).
	 Online following is growing by creating engagement
	through asking questions, posting discounts or
	information about the company and its journey.
	 They have an average video view count of 410/420
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	on Instagram, which is a bit low compared to the total number of followers and few likes and shares
	on Twitter and Facebook.
	Those values could be improved by increasing very
	These values could be improved by increasing users'
	engagement on both social media and the website
	(e.g. Q&A, user generated content, interactive
	contents, reviews tab on the website).

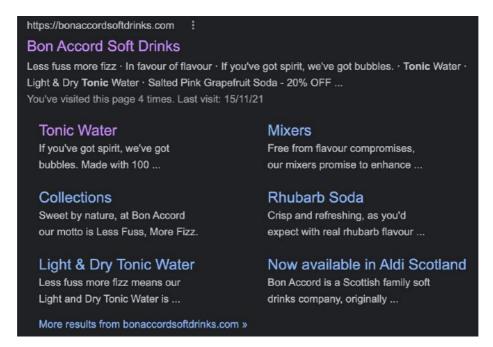


Figure 3 - BA SEO

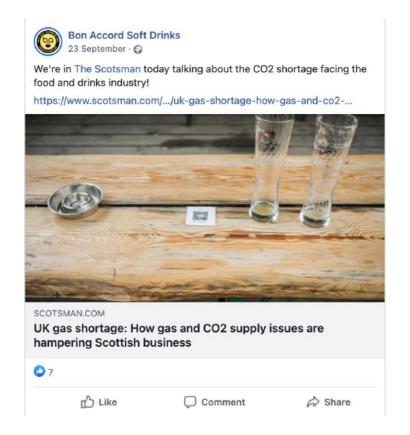




Figure 4 - BA social media post

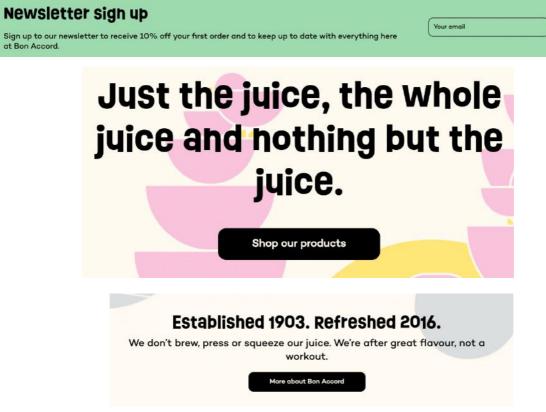


Figure 5 - BA CTAs

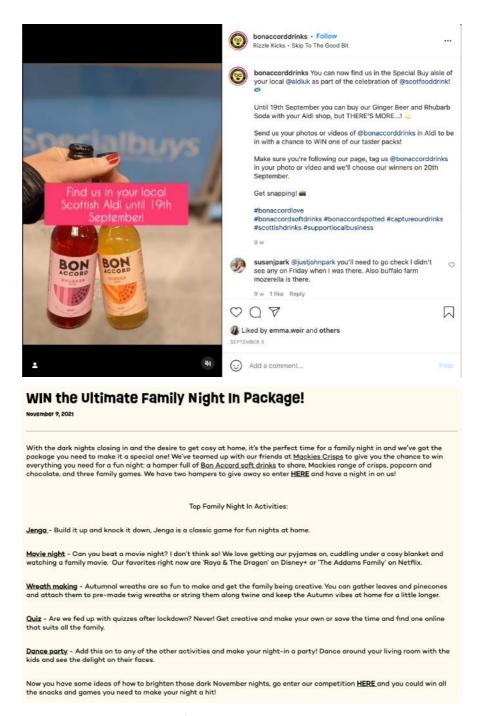


Figure 6 - BA interactive content



Figure 7 - BA Instagram stories



Figure 8 - BA pop-up message





Figure 9 – BA website questions

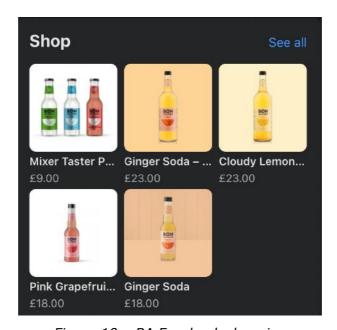


Figure 10 - BA Facebook shopping

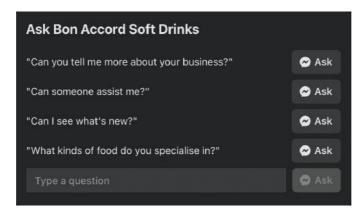


Figure 11 - BA "Ask question" Facebook

Criteria	Competitor 2						
Business name	FEVER-TREE (FT)						
URL	https://fever-tree.com						
Reach	Search Engine Incognito Mode						
	They rank highly using the key word "tonic water"						
	because they appear on the page 1 of the						
	Google's Search Engine Results Pages (SERP).						
	When searching more specifically for "tonic water"						
	Scotland" they appear on the page 8 of the						
	SERPs.						
	They do not have Google My Business.						
	Backlinks (using Moz Link Explorer)						
	Domain Authority 60/100						
	The backlinks below are from sites in the same						
	ranking level. 1 million backlinks to the homepage						
	from 3.6k domains (update on 16/11/2021).						
	Top followed links to this site ①						
	URL Page Authority						
	www.ft.com/0ca-53d9-11ea-90ad-25e377c0ee1f 4 64						
	www.nytimes.com/ne/canned-drinks-summer.html 🖾 61						
	feeds.feedburner.com/podnutz 🗗 60						
	www.reuters.com/heck-quinine-idUSKBN2370R9 🗗 59						
	tmagazine.blogs.nytimes.com/tudy-quinine-syrup/ 🖾 59						
	SEM Rush						

- Top keywords are displayed in the Appendix 3.
- 303.1K organic search traffic.
- Walter Gregor's are not listed in top 10 competitors.

SEO

- URL, title tag are strong, but the meta-description could be improved because is more than 160 characters (Figure 12).
- They do not use SEA or PPC.

Social media (update on 16/11/2021):

• Facebook followers: 94 372

• Instagram followers: 146 000

Twitter followers: 33 800

They post multiple times a week and use a mix of highquality photos and videos.

Effective and creativity posts. Promote their products through events, drink recipes, user generated contents and constant response to comments in order to involve the users (Figure 13).

Act

- Average homepage load time: 1 second.
- Video as background in some pages is very engaging and keep the users on the page longer.
- Website is mobile-friendly, clean and easy to use.
- Eye-catching photos used, visually appealing enticing the purchase.
- Interesting content to interact and make the user participate, as shown in the figure 14.
- Effective CTAs throughout the website that lead users to a precise direction.
- Well-organized content using spaces in the right way.

- Very useful ability to change the website's language very useful because it increases the possibility of having international customers (Figure 15).
- Social media buttons site in the footer encouraging consumers to keep up to date with the company.
- Competitions on social media, where users have to tag someone in the comments (Figure 16).
 Allows the company to reach more consumers and possibly gain more followers/likes on their pages.
- Accurate description for each ingredient chosen, demonstrating how the products are of high quality and totally natural (Figure 17). Key point for customers looking for a unique experience.
- Pop-up message when opening the website to check if the user is the legal drinking age. Showing the company's strong interest in customers.

Convert

- "Stay up to date" tab at the end of the pages to access the newsletter (Figure 19). By clicking on it, the user must choose which distillate he prefers, thus providing a personalized experience.
- "Contact us" page provides a phone number to get in touch with the company and the possibility to fill a form if users have a question.
- Can purchase some articles from the homepage.
- Purchase process a bit long because it is not directly through the company website but using the website of one of the retailers (Figure 20).
- No social media shopping option.
- Easy to take action across the website.

Convert

	Social media buttons on the website encouraging
	consumers to convert to followers and interact
	with the company.
Engage	 Engaging videos across the website and on social
Engage	
	media platform encourages users to involve by
	watching and/or sharing.
	 Offer recommendations, as "Why not try these",
	that are similar to the product the user is looking
	at (Figure 21). Engaging customers by showing
	products they might like makes the site
	experience personal.
	 They do not often respond to comments on social
	media. They should do this, by responding
	meaningfully, to show that they care about users
	and are willing to take the time to support their
	products and company (Mathur, 2019).
	Clients do not have the possibility to leave reviews
	on the website.
	 Social media likes and comments are very low
	compared to what one would expect considering
	their following.
	-
	They do not have Google My Business where
	customers can ask questions or leave comments.
	Welcome email received (Figure 22). It's well laid
	out with engaging content like cocktail recipes,
	but to be a welcome email it might offer a discount
	code to entice users to purchase.

Table 3 - Competitor 2

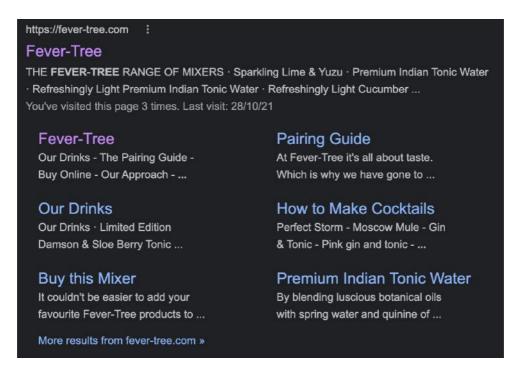
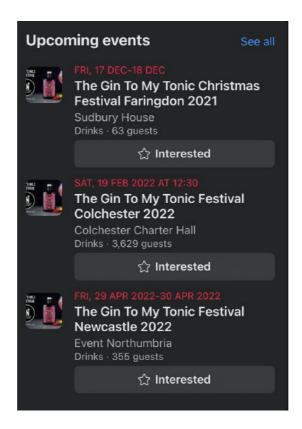


Figure 12 - FT SEO





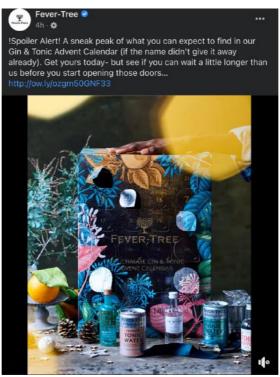


Figure 13 - FT social media content

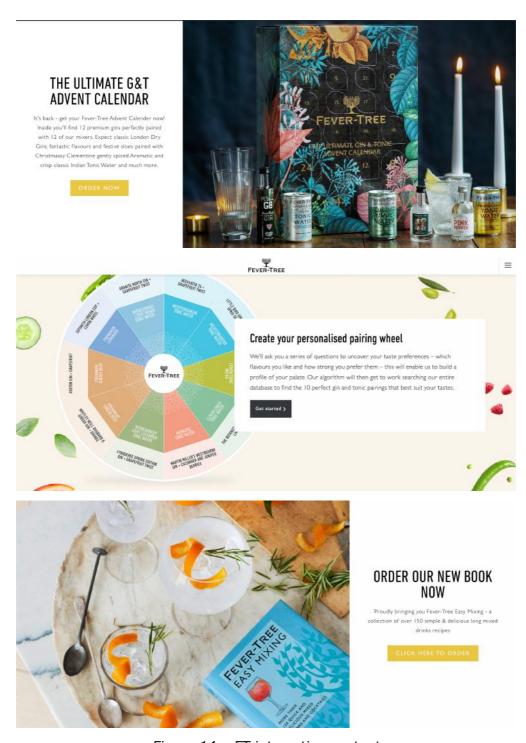


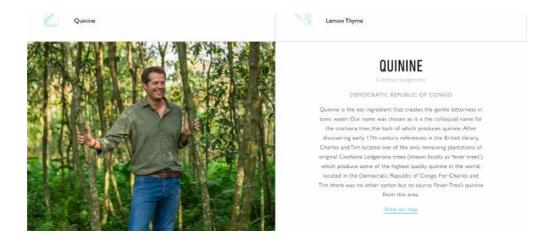
Figure 14 - FT interactive content



Figure 15 - FT language choice



Figure 16 - FT social media competition



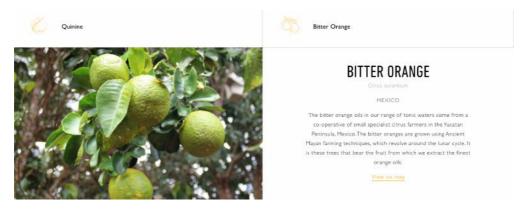


Figure 17 - FT products description

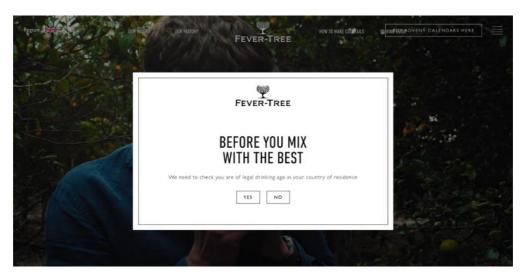


Figure 18 - FT pop-up message

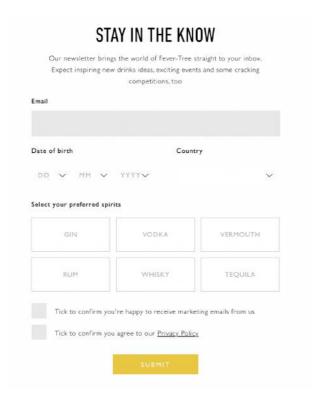


Figure 19 - FT newsletter sign-in



Figure 20 - FT payment process



Figure 21 - FT "Why not try these"



Figure 22 - FT welcome email

Please refer to Appendix 4 for a list of recommendations for WG based on competitor analysis.

E. Digital communications audit

• Website objective and performance

Typical user	Evaluation of current site:	Recommended			
action		Improvements?			
View offer/promotion?	 Pop-up message in which by sign up there is the opportunity to receive exclusive offers, product news and updates to the inbox from the Walter Gregor's team. Free delivery with the subscription noted on top of homepage which is effective. 	in the newsletter so the consumers are encouraged to spend if they have a discount. This could be tailored for seasonal celebrations such as Christmas, summer, autumn etc. It has been found that offering promotions can influence clients purchasing behaviour and make them more likely to make a purchase if they receive a discount (Rakesh and Khare, 2012).			
Register for E-newsletter?	 No welcome email received. Chance to sign up in the pop-up message when the website is opened and in the footer of the pages. 	Have a fixed access CTA at the top of the homepage because not all users will necessarily go to the bottom of the page and pop-up messages can be seen as			

	annoying by visitors (Bestor,
	2019).
	Creating a Mailchimp
	account would be a key
	recommendation. This could
	be used to keep the users
	informed about events,
	promotions and news at
	Walter Gregor's.
	The e-mail marketing is a
	viable strategy to put the
	effort into, especially since
	the ROI is around 3,800%
	(Smart Insights, 2019).
	Newsletters should be
	personalised and contain
	around 90% news and 10%
	promotion.
	• The 74% of customers
	expect to receive a welcome
	email instantly and within
	the 48 hours of subscribing.
	The new leads are most
	engaged, so it is essential to
	create\implement an automate welcome email
	(Campaign Monitor, 2020).
Book/Purchase?	Chance to buy a
2001y Furchase.	subscription from a clear to pay, as it is a popular and
	CTA in the homepage. quick payment method
	(Williams, 2007).

Where-to-buy/How to buy?	 Chance to "Give a gift" from a clear CTA on the homepage. "Cart" page is located on the top right of the page and all the items added appear there. Clear "Buy now" CTA button in the following pages: "Our tonic" "Subscription boxes" "Gifts" Easy, fast and secure procedure to purchase from the website. 	 Add "Location" - also through a map of Aberdeen - a tab where to show the physical stores where the consumer can buy the products. Increase the number of positive reviews\testimonial from the clients into the product pages can help the decision-making process of a user with the possibility to convert him from a lead into a purchaser (Baker, 2020).
Download Voucher/Other?	 Can purchase products as a gift on the "Gifts" tab. Can purchase vouchers on the "Gift vouchers" tab. 	 Add an initial description on the gift voucher tab. Increase the content with images on the gifts tab to better describe the different options and to encourage the consumers to buy products as a gift.
Share to social buttons?	 Social media links are in the header and in the 	 Add in the checkout page a CTA to invite the clients to

	footer menu. The buttons	share on social media
	work properly.	creative images of their
		purchases to receive a
		special offer.
Other?	• The main navigation	Need to correct the part
	looks clear and simply to	where the fonts used are
	help the users to	different, prices are missing,
	navigate through the	and some elements are not
	website easily.	aligned (Figure 23).
	• Responsive across all	Enhance the blog page by
	platforms.	adding new content that
		could be interesting for the
		customers.
		Allow leaving questions if
		needed, thus creating a Q&A
		part that engages the users
		and leads them to become
		customers.

Table 4 - Website objective and performance

Start Shopping

A little bit about us if you are new to Walter Gregor's. Claire founded Walter Gregor's in 2015 on the Aberdeenshire land her husband's family has farmed for four generations. With a walled garden full of fresh botanicals and spotting a gap in the market for a home-grown mixer to complement the rising number of craft gins being produced in Scotland, Claire set about making her own tonics.

Fast forward to 2020 and Claire and her small team on the farm have a core range of five tonics: Apple & Cinnamon, Mint & Cucumber, Scottish Raspberry, Original and Spiced (available by the case: 24 x 200ml bottles, £30).

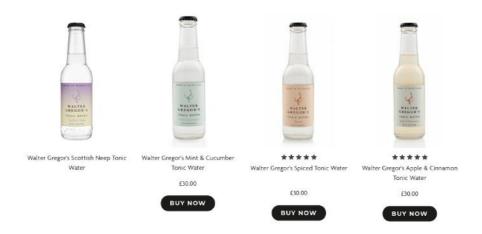


Figure 23 - WG website mistakes

Google analytics audit

Current site performance

The following dates are taken from the same period specified in the Target Audience tab.

A GA dashboard has been created in the Appendix 5.

AUDIENCE

The Demographics overview report is not set up correctly, as shown in the Figure 1, because GA does not show any data. Therefore, a first important suggestion is to properly set this GA's part to have the possibility to collect data on the people who visit Walter Gregor's website to gather information about the target audience in order to shift the company marketing efforts accordingly and discover how converting and non-converting users navigate through the website.

Regarding the Geo section, the most common location from where the website's visitors are coming is the United Kingdom (479 users), particularly from Scotland, followed by Germany (17 users) and United States (16 users).

This should be maintained as Scotland, most of all Aberdeen, is where the target audience is located. Suggests their marketing efforts to aim towards a mostly Scottish/Aberdeen audience is working.

Looking at New vs Returning Visitors in the Behaviour section is highly recommended since it gives two important metrics: the average session duration and the bounce rate.

	Acquisition	Acquisition		Behaviour			Conversions E-commerce ▼			
	User Type 🔞	Users ⊕ ↓	New Users Sessions	Bounce Rate Pages/Session	Avg. Session Duration	Transactions	Revenue (?)	E-commerce Conversion Rate		
		560 % of Total: 100.00% (560)	536 % of Total 100.00% (536)	849 % of Total: 100.00% (849)	37.34% Avg for View: 37.34% (0.00%)	3.50 Avg for View: 3.50 (0.00%)	00:02:10 Avg for View: 00:02:10 (0.00%)	41 % of Total: 100.00% (41)	£1,635.60 % of Total: 100.00% (£1,635.60)	4.83% Avg for View: 4.83% (0.00%)
	1. New Visitor	536 (74.97%)	536(100.00%)	536 (63.13%)	28.73%	3.74	00:01:44	37 (90.24%)	£1,375.80 (84.12%)	6.90%
	2. Returning Visitor	179 (25.03%)	0 (0.00%)	313 (36.87%)	52.08%	3.08	00:02:55	4 (9.76%)	£259.80 (15.88%)	1.28%

Figure 24 – GA new vs returning visitors

Studies have found that a reasonable benchmark for average session length is between 2-3 minutes: "good average session duration then, might be anything above three minutes" (Albright, 2020).

New visitors have an average session length of 1:44 compared to 2:55 for returning visitors. This comparison shows how returning visitors want to interact more with the website as they spend more time there. Therefore, it is important to continue to keep homepage/landing pages more and more engaging to encourage visitors, even new ones, to stay on the site.

The bounce rate, a term used to describe the percentage of users who leave a website having only viewed one page (Chaffey, 2019), with a good average usually is between 20%-40% for retail websites (Patel, 2020). Walter Gregor's with 37.34% is perfectly inside the average. Looking at location, the UK bounce rate for new users is 29.50%, indeed for the returning visitors is 52.33%. It is an interesting data because the bounce rate for new visitors should generally be higher than those returning as they are at different stages of the buying process (Patel, 2019).

This indicates that the site contents are not engaging enough the return visitors and probably their needs are not being met.

Walter Gregor's should add some videos, more interact contents to the pages and improve the blog tab to keep the users on the pages for a longer time, improving the values of the average session duration and the bounce rate.

Furthermore, since the number of new visitors is higher, it could be a smart idea to offer them a discount code to encourage their return to the website.

The most visitors view the company website on mobile (Figure 29), though the average session duration is the lowest one and most of the sessions are coming from desktop. This highlights how it is essential to analyze each single data in detail.



Figure 25 – GA device category

ACQUISITION

The Acquisition report provides information on where visitors are coming from, and it is a key tool to see which channels drive the most and least traffic. Walter Gregor's Channels report is reported below:



Figure 26 – GA channel report

Have SEO tactics effective should mean to have a balance between organic search and referral traffic (Patel, 2019).

Direct search directs most of the traffic (76.73%), specifically from the homepage, as shown in the Figure 27 below, even if it is noticeable that it is not configured in the best way and the most device used is the mobile though the highest average session duration is via desktop.



Figure 27 - GA landing page

Organic search is the second highest traffic (15.87%) but looking at the percentage the company still needs to improve the SEO strategies. This could be done through a better usage of the keywords, also in the blogs, and the improving of both the meta-description and the referral links number.

The values of the other two channels, Referral and Social (Figure 32), are very low and their data are too reduced to draw any significant conclusion.



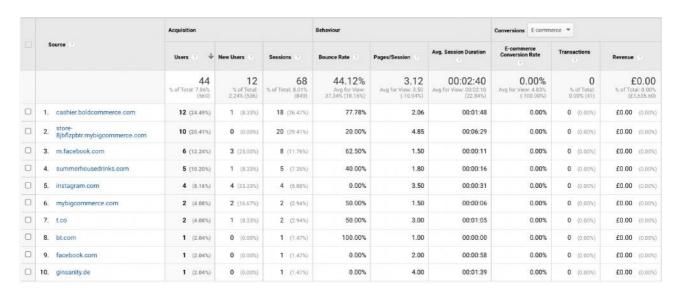


Figure 28 – GA referral and social

Regarding the Referral traffic, Walter Gregor's should implement the following tactics to gain an improvement:

- Guest blogging on industry blogs
- Comment strategically on blogs
- Create quality and useful content
- Run an incentivised referral campaign (Patel, 2019)

Moreover, to boost traffic on social media, it is necessary to post frequent, engaging and creative contents so that users develop curiosity and feel the need to visit the site to find out more.

BEHAVIOUR

The Behaviour report in GA shows which actions visitors take on the website and the performance of the website content. It is important as identifies which content is most engaging and where visitors are dropping off the website.

The Content Drilldown inside the Site Content report is useful since it indicates the most popular content on the website as does Landing Pages, showing which pages visitors enter from (Hines, 2014).



Figure 29 - GA most popular page

As the Figure 29 displayed above, the most popular page is the homepage, follow by "Our tonic" page, but the average time on these pages is very low so it means that their contents are not enough engaging for users.

The highest bounce rate and the most common exit page is the "/stockists" and the reason is that from its link, provided by GA, the opened page is the following:

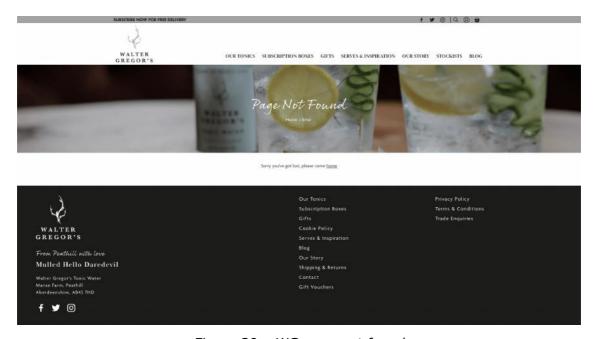


Figure 30 - WG page not found

CONVERSION

The conversion report refers to a competed activity on a site and is important to the success of a business (Google, 2021). The only feature

that is set up for Walter Gregor's is the "E-commerce" section as shown in the Figure 31.



Figure 31 - GA conversion report

Though it is possible to see which is the best-selling product and the relative earnings, it is highly recommended to better set up this report. In this way, the company can define and deeply monitor goals optimizing the results.

• Search Engine Optimisation

SEO	Evaluation of current site: Recommended
criteria	Improvements?
Landing	The home landing page has a Add more interactive
Pages:	clear layout structure that contents to deeply engage
	uses spaces rationally and is the users, as videos.
	mobile responsive. • The CTAs "Subscribe now"
	Several CTAs that allow and "Get started today"
	users to easily navigate lead to the same page,
	through the website.

	Homepage load speed: 1.59	one should be removed to
	(verified 20/11/2021).	avoid burdening the site.
		There are many CTAs that
		should be reduced to
		comply with the "less is
		more" concept (Vaughan,
		2020).
		The word "Subscribe now"
		is used both for the
		newsletter and the
		subscription boxes; it
		needs to be changed to
		prevent
		misunderstanding.
		The newsletter tab needs
		to be moved to the top of
		the homepage to make
	NAC 4	sure everyone can see it.
On-Page	Homepage title tag "Walter Consequent to the description of the	Title tags are important
SEO: Title	Gregor's Handcrafted Tonic	factors to help search
Tags	Water made in Scotland"	engine to understand
	using the brand name and a key-phrase tells users	what the page is about,
	key-phrase tells users exactly what they need to	and they represent the first impression that
	know.	people get when they
	The optimal characters	discover the page via
	length is 50-60 (Moz, 2020)	organic search (Moz,
	and the company is using 58,	2020).
	so it's fine.	• Using the optimal
	The title tags of the other	character length is
]]

pages are relevant but too

advised.

	short and sometimes do not	
	use enough keywords.	
On-Page	• The homepage meta	• Meta description is
SEO: Meta	description is 157 characters	essential because can
Description	which is optimal, since the	influence click-through
	best it is to keep the meta	rates (Moz, 2019).
	descriptions length between	• Therefore, the company
	50-160 (Moz, 2019).	should add a meta
	Some of the other pages	description to each page
	respect the ideal length,	using relevant keywords.
	except the "Gift" page, the	
	" <i>Blog</i> " page and the	
	"Stockists" page which do	
	not have any meta	
	description.	
On-Page	Only some images have an	• The 38% of Google's
SEO: Image	Image Alt Tag that describes	SERPs show images
Alt Tags	them.	(Becker, 2018).
		• Thus, Image Alt Tag is
		essential because it
		provides context to what
		an image is displaying,
		allowing search engine to
		index an image correctly.
Inbound	Mozbar has found Walter	• Getting more inbound
links	Gregor's have 164 inbound	links from local press to
	links. See Appendix 4 for	expose local target
	where the top inbound links	audience to the website.
		• Building credible
	The number of inbound links	relationship with bloggers
	is very low compared to the	and vloggers to get them

	two competitors, but all of	promoting the company
	them come from higher	website (Patel, 2019).
	ranking sites.	 Making more engaging
		content on social media
		and share it on the
		website with a link may
		also help to increase their
		inbound links (Northcutt,
		2020).
		• Speaking at local events
		could give the company a
		solid advantage in making
		itself known (Patel, 2019).
		• Writing strategic
		comments on blogs can
		increase the company's
		referral traffic (Patel,
		2019).
Domain	• DA: 17 (20.11.2021).	They should include more
Authority	Although Walter Gregor's are	content on their web
	a small local business, this	page.
	value is very low and needs	• Create linkable content.
	improvement.	Gain more inbound links
		from higher-ranking
		websites to help boost
		Walter Gregor's DA score.
Local SEO	 Client has not set up Google 	Walter Gregor's must
	My Business.	configure Google My
		Business because it is

- often the first thing users notice when they search for a company.
- Ιt also increases the that local chances customers will find it (Bonelli, 2018) and nowadays, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, lots of consumers try to buy local to help small and local businesses.
- This tool is also essential because it encourages reviews as "online reviews are one of the top 7 factors determining organic local search rankings" (Campbell 2018).

Reviews have the power to influence customer decisions and to stimulate people to interact with a company, but they also strengthen the business's credibility and build consumer trust (Revain, 2018).

	 The company should set it
	up to be able to build
	relationships with the
	customers by answering
	their questions.

Table 5 - Search Engine Optimisation

• Content marketing:

Content marketing is a strategic marketing approach focused on creating and delivering valuable, relevant, and consistent content to attract and retain a clearly defined audience and ultimately to drive profitable customer action.

This is the reason why Walter Gregor's should adopt this approach by telling their brand's story in an entertaining, educational, and engaging manner - without the hard sell (Content Marketing Institute, 2021).

Below are some suggestions for blog posts:

<u>Content Title One</u>: The **3 best products** that **you need** to have it A post explaining 3 products on the website and why they are suitable to the target audience.

Content Title Two: A **step-by-step guide** inside the production of our **brand**'s **tonics**

A blog explaining the different step of the Walter Gregor's production.

<u>Content Title Three</u>: Are you looking for a tasty **drink** made from **natural and fresh ingredients?** Find out more about the **high quality** of our products

A one-off post on the high quality of the ingredients used by the company.

<u>Content Title Four</u>: **Handmade tonic water gifts** for **Christmas**A post that talks about the Christmas selection on the site, what it is and why it is perfect as a gift.

<u>Content Title Five</u>: **How to** create the **perfect cocktail** with tonic water A monthly post that illustrates an ever-changing recipe to create a special drink with Walter Gregor's products.

Table 6 - Content marketing

• Email marketing:

Email marketing is the adoption of email to promote your business. It is used to cultivate relationship with potential customers, keep current clients informed and updated on your company, offer promotions to encourage customer loyalty.

The reason why this tool must be chosen in a digital marketing strategy is that it is "the fastest, most flexible, convenient, personalized and targeted communication" (Jenkins, 2009).

Below some suggestions for email marketing:

Subject Line One:

Welcome to Walter's Gregor family! 🌬 (Personal)

Hello Abby! We are so glad you decided to join us. You will be the first to hear about new arrivals, special promotion and big events.

Subject Line Two:

Are you struggling to find the perfect Christmas gift? (Pain point)

Don't waste other time, step into our website to discover the Christmas selection and make a unique and special gift.

Subject Line Three:

What about a break from your busy working day? (Curiosity)

Are you always busy and tired? Don't worry, Walter Gregor's is here for you! Click here to try our *Spiced Tonic Water* to enjoy your days more.

Subject Line Four:

Happy birthday Abby! (Personal and greed)

Walter Gregor's want to make this day even more special, here just for you a 15% discount on the next two orders! Happy birthday from Walter Gregor's family.

Subject Line Five:

Abby, hurry up! You have only 12 hours left! [♥] (FMO)

Run to take advantage of free shipping for the next 12 hours.

Table 7 – Email marketing

• Content/social media weekly schedule:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
BLOG POST				1			
				Weekly blog			
				Walter			
				Gregor's as			
				the main			
				ingredient			
				of your			
				drinks!			

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
EMAIL	✓		√		√		
	Promotion		Seasonal		Product		
	What better		content		description		
	way to start		Christmas is		Be ready		
	the week		coming and		for your		
	than with a		you still		Saturday		
	10%		don't have		dinner by		
	discount?		any gift		buying		
			ideas?		Walter		
			Choose our		Gregor's		
			Christmas		Scottish		
			selection		Raspberry		
			and you will		Tonic		
			not go		Water.		
			wrong!				

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
INSTAGRAM		✓		√		1	
		Video drink		Competition		Interactive	
		receipt		WIN A BOX		content	
		Are you		OF 24		Check our	
		ready for a		BOTTLES!		new	
		new week?		Comment		products	
		We offer		below our		and	
		you a		latest post		comment	
		special way		and tag the		below which	
		to enjoy it		friend you		one you	
		more!		would like		prefer!	
				to share it			
				with.			

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FACEBOOK	√		✓		√		
	Company's		<u>Share</u>		<u>UGC</u>		
	<u>video</u>		content		content +		
	Start your		+ promotion		promotion		
	week by		Share this		Share a		
	having a		post to have		photo while		
	look at our		a chance to		you are		
	farm!		get a		drinking our		
			discount on		tonics to		
			your next		have free		
			order!		shipping on		
					the next		
					order!		

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LINKEDIN			✓				
			Educational				
			Check our				
			last blog to				
			keep				
			updated				
			about the				
			sustainability				
			and the high				
			quality of				
			our				
			ingredients.				

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
TWITTER		✓					
		Link +					
		event					
		Click on the					
		link below					
		and					
		subscribe to					
		our					
		newsletter					
		for the					
		chance to					
		come and					
		visit us,					
		meeting					
		Walter					
		Gregor's					
		team.					

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
YOUTUBE							Interactive video content Q&A videos to answer customer questions.

All posts made for Instagram and Facebook will be in the feed, but WG could also share and promote them through stories, for example by partially covering the photo/video post with the phrase "Check out our latest post" to create curiosity and to entice users to visit the company page.

Table 8 - Weekly content schedule

• Social media marketing:

Instagram and Facebook are the most used social media based on the numbers provided from the different platforms.

Social media	Evaluation of current Recommended
criteria	social media: Improvements?
Potential	• 2290 Facebook • They should use
audience	2541 Instagram Facebook and Instagram
	• 1884 Twitter advertising to increase
	They also have a the visibility to their local
	LinkedIn and YouTube TA.
	profile, but not • Utilize Facebook and
	mentioned because Instagram insights to
	the following is not keep track of TA.
	relevant.
Engaging	Do not use social Create more video
content	shopping on content, as Q&A or
	Instagram, but they educational to show that
	incorporate it on the company cares
	Facebook. about its customers.
	They do not tag their Make users interact with
	own products. the company through
	"Ask Walter Gregor's more UGC content
	Tonic Water" tab in increasing in this way
	the highest part on the brand awareness.
	Facebook. • They should use location
	Images show off tagging on posts as they
	products well, but received 79% more
	some repetition is engagement than posts
	seen on Facebook without location tags

They need to improve 2019) (Lozan, and the usage of hashtags increase the chance to and use them always. found by local be Repetition in searchers. music use for the video provided on Instagram Improve the video quality They have the same posts on Instagram and Facebook. They need to improve it because every platform has different characteristics and, for instance, images perform better on Instagram than Facebook, where text performs better (Jackson, 2019). Facebook: Increase the number of **Engagement** (sharing and engagement is quite competitions to bring liking) low with no shares users to sign into the and very few likes newsletter and/or to get Instagram: mostly more followers. between 40-60 likes • Create engaging content per post. Not many (see **Appendix** 4) sharable on social media comments.

	Twitter: engagement	could increase the
	is very low. It has	website's visits.
	occasional shares and	 Participate in customers
	comments.	conversation by using
		like and responding to
		comments
Referral Traffic	The total traffic	The posted contents
to website?	percentage from	need to have a clear CTA
	social media is	linking to the website.
	2.77%, which is very	 Make partnership with a
	low.	local blogger\influencer
	• Particularly, 42.11%	(see <i>Online partner</i>
	comes from	analysis) who can share
	Facebook, 21.05%	the company website in
	from Instagram	a post/blog.
	Stories and only	a poog 2005.
	5.26% from	This strategy could be
	Instagram.	very helpful as it can
	These referral values	improve the company
	could be improved,	authenticity (Trösch,
	and the company	2020).
	should exploit more	,
	the Instagram Stories	
	as they carry an	
	important % of traffic.	
Use of video	Facebook: 12 videos	They already have a
	showing the process	YouTube channel, but
	behind tonic creating	almost devoid of content
	with an average of	(Figure 32). It might be
	1.5k views.	a great opportunity to
		get more visibility,

	• Instagram: 19 videos	improve SEO and create
	and 3 reels, same as	more engaging content
	the Facebook ones,	for users (more about
	with approximately	videos in Appendix 4).
	115 views.	
Use of images	• Use of very high-	Avoid photos repetition,
	quality images for all	keeping the users
	social media	involved with always
	platforms.	fresh content.
		Increase the company's
		users trust by showing
		more images of the
		team, UGC and behind
		the scenes.
Integration	Website link is clear	Increase the link option
with website	on all profile pages	use in Instagram Stories
	 Some Facebook posts 	to directly redirect users
	has link to the website	to the website.
	in the caption.	• Include a link to the
	• All the links open a	website to all future
	new page, they do not	posts.
	reload from the	It might be useful to use
	website, so will not	the shop section also on
	affect the bounce	Instagram, so users are
	rate.	redirected to the website
		by clicking on the
		product they are
		interested in.
		Use free tool as Linktree
		to have in the bio a link

which allows multiple links.

Table 9 - Social media marketing

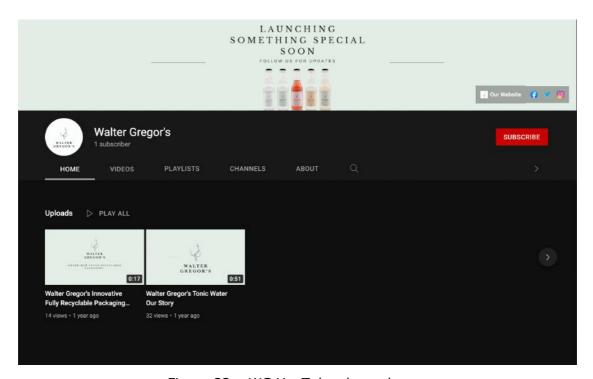


Figure 32 - WG YouTube channel

• Online partner analysis:

Third party sites	Justification
Mainstream Media:	The Press and Journal Aberdeen is a
The Press and Journal	daily regional newspaper serving northern and highland Scotland and its DA is 77.
	Promote small and local business and it has a designated section for <i>Food and Drink</i> , under the <i>Lifestyle</i> tab.
	This paper has a circulation of 31 629 (Abc.org.uk, 2021), thus allowing it to reach a new audience that does not use social media.
NORTHSOUND 1	Northsound 1 radio is a local radio station serving Aberdeen and Northeast Scotland, it has 134 000 weekly listeners (Media.info, 2021) and a high DA of 81.
	Its target audience is women between the ages of 25 and 44 (Getmemedia.com, 2010), so advertising on Northsound 1 could help reach the company's target audience because their listeners match it.
	Furthermore, Radiocentre (2018) discovered that radio can improve the cost-effectiveness of advertising campaigns by over 20%. Walter

	Cuaranta anni di than una it talina	
	Gregor's could then use it taking	
	advantage of it.	
Independent/ Niche Websites:	Visit Scotland is Scotland's official	
W. Vicit	consumer website and provides	
Scotland [™]	information and inspiration on things to	
Scotlaria	do and places to stay and eat.	
https://www.visitscotland.com/	It has a high DA of 74 and was already	
	linked to WG in the past. WGs should	
	leverage and improve this connection by	
	uploading new interesting and engaging	
	content.	
	The Scotsman Food and Drink, an	
	online website/blog of The Scotsman	
THE SCOTSMAN	newspaper, shares stories about	
Food & Drink	Scottish food, drink and businesses	
between 1/for a day and divine a continuous accessor.	offering these services.	
https://foodanddrink.scotsman.com/		
	Its DA is 74 and looking at SEM Rush its	
	organic search traffic per month is	
	around 3.3M so it would be beneficial for	
	the company to build a relationship in	
	order to get links on its website.	
Social Networks:	Refer to Social media marketing table for	
Instagram	a social media evaluation and how to	
Facebook	engage with the TA.	
Twitter		
• YouTube		
Blogs and Individual Influencers:	Tartan Spoon	
	Adele is a blogger passionate about	



https://www.tartanspoon.co.uk/

Scottish products. Her passion has made her a reference point for advice and information on food, drink, and travel.

Instagram followers: 13,200.

Kirsty*Jarvie*

Lifestyle, Fashion, Food & Travel

https://www.kirstyjarvie.com/

Kirsty Jarvie is an Aberdeen lifestyle blogger.

She is younger compared to the company audience but the topics she talks about are really close to the TA's interests.

This could represent an opportunity for WG's, as Kirsty in her blog (e.g. in the *Lifestyle* or *Food* sections) could create content about the company, with the advantage of sharing it also on social media with eye-catching sharable images that bring TA to click on the post.

Instagram followers: 5,226.

Ratings and Review Sites:



Trustpilot, currently, does not have any reviews about WG's.

They should encourage the consumers to leave reviews as it helps to create brand reputation and influences



customers purchasing behaviour (Bernazzani, 2021).

Regarding **Google My Business** and other reviews' information please refer to *Search Engine Optimisation* tab.

Table 10 - Online partner analysis

Part Two: Objective setting

What?	Why?	Key Tracking Metrics	Target
		and KPIs?	(3 Months)
Reach	• Increase website	Use Facebook and	• Increase the
objective:	visits creating more	Instagram	website visits
	engaging content on	analytics to check	coming from
Improve	social media (e.g.	the click-through	social media
online	contests and videos)	to the website.	by 10%.
awareness	using location tag	• Monitor the	• Get 2 link
and website	and linking the	Acquisition report	from a high-
traffic.	website in every	on GA to track the	ranking
	post.	referral traffic.	website.
	Build awareness by		
	driving referral traffic		
	from high-ranking		
	website and creating		
	partnership with		
	blogger\influencer.		
Act	The number of users	Set up Mailchimp	• 130 new
objective:	subscribed to the	to track	newsletter
	newsletter, therefore	subscription sign-	subscriptions.
Acquire new	new potential buyers,	ups.	• Improve
customers by	will increase through	 A Conversion goal 	average
using in	the improvement of	in GA can also be	session length
clearer way	the CTAs on the	created to check if	by 25 sec to
the CTAs on	homepage and the	the "Sign-up"	03.20 minutes
the homepage	addition of	CTAs have been	for returning
(see Search	discounts/offers for	successful in	visitors and
Engine	those who subscribe.		by at least 20

Optimisation		converting users	sec to 2.04
table) to		to buyers.	minutes for
encourage		 Monitor Behaviour 	new visitors.
more		tab in the	
newsletter		Audience report	
subscription.		on GA to evaluate	
		"New vs Returning	
		Visitors" and their	
		pages per session,	
		bounce rate, and	
		average session	
		length.	
Convert	Create goals in GA	• Use the GA	• 50
objective:	will display which	Conversions	subscriptions
	marketing channels	report to define	boxes per
Set up better	generate the most	specific goals and	month (see
the	income.	frequently review	business
Conversion	Add a local Aberdeen	them to track their	objective).
report on GA.	map showing the	success.	 Increase
	physical store where		physical store
Tell local	it is possible to buy		sales by 5%.
customers	the products.		
that they can			
also buy in			
stores if they			
prefer.			

Engage and retain objective:

Improve add content to the blog page, send more often marketing emails and encourage users to leave reviews to create loyalty and motivate customers to return.

- Sharing on the blog more contents that fits with the TA creates curiosity and encourages engagement.
- Email marketing is essential as mentioned in the Email marketing tab.
- The reviews' importance has already been mentioned in the Local Seo section in the Search Engine Optimisation tab.

- Check conversion goal in GA to see how many users read and interacted with the blog.
- Monitor open rate and click-through rate on Mailchimp.
- Track the reviews trend.

- Create 1 blog for week with an average of 70 views.
- Rise clickthrough rate from email to the website by 10%.
- Email plan is shown in the Content/social media weekly schedule.
- Gain 20 new reviews.

Table 11 - Objective settings

Part Three: Digital communication priorities

	Short term	Medium term	Long term
	(1-3 months)	(3-12 months)	(1-2 years)
Priority	Correct website's	• Improve the	Build power
_		·	•
One:	minor errors,	blog on the	relationship with
Very	mentioned in the	website by	local
Important	Appendix 4.	creating more	blogger/influencer.
	Adjust the "Sign- . "	engaging 	Start Facebook
	in" CTAs in the	content,	advertising.
	homepage/landing	suitable for the	
	page to make	TA.	
	them more visible.	Build referral	
		links to	
		enhance SEO	
		and build	
		awareness.	
Priority	• Encourage users'	• Create new	Hire a person, who
Two:	reviews.	videos to be	takes care of the
Important	• Set up properly	embedded on	company's digital
	GA.	the website.	marketing
		• Track email	strategy.
		newsletter	Keep monitoring
		using Mail	reviews and
		Chimp.	always respond in
			an appropriate
			tone.

Priority Three: Lower Importance

- Improve and make
 the newsletter
 more frequent to
 keep audiences
 informed and
 engaged.
- Improve the social media content, using location tag and creating contests and UGC.
- Use more video content on social media, also through the Instagram Stories.
- Update and develop content for the YouTube channel.
- Integrate social media with the blog. Post about new blog post on social media platforms.
- Review analytics monthly to make improvements to the website and social media platforms based on information found.

Table 12 - Digital communication priorities

Conclusion

The deep analysis conducted in this report clearly highlights that improving online content will help the company to build brand awareness and customer trust, to enhance SEO and to gain valuable backlinks.

To fulfill the main objective, discussed at the beginning of the report, the client should integrate the recommendations of this audit to generate a 20% increase in sales within this period next year.

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Appendix

1. Customer profile board



Name: Abby Johnson Age: 37 years old

Marital status: married with Christian and they

live with a dog, Moody

Job: sales director (working from home)

Income: about £50k per year Location: Aberdeen, Scotland Education: college and master

Social media: Whatsapp, Instagram and

sometimes Facebook

Abby's personality:

- Sustainability-conscious
- Fitness lover
- Passion for travelling
- Shopping online lover
- Enjoy doing different experiences on the weekend with her husband

Motivation, goals and needs:

- Buying a handcrafted tonic water to have something good taste to drink during the workday and in the free time
- Buying a unique and different gift for partner and friends
- Looking for exclusive products
- Pay attention to the ingredients used to produce products
- Looking for promotion to buy high quality products with the best price
- Shop local to support local business
- Easy to use website with fast payment to fit in with her busy working days

What we want to deliver?

- Discount or offers for buying multiple items
- Glass bottle to avoid the plastic waste
- Tonic water's bottles with a refined and elegant design
- Secure, fast payments





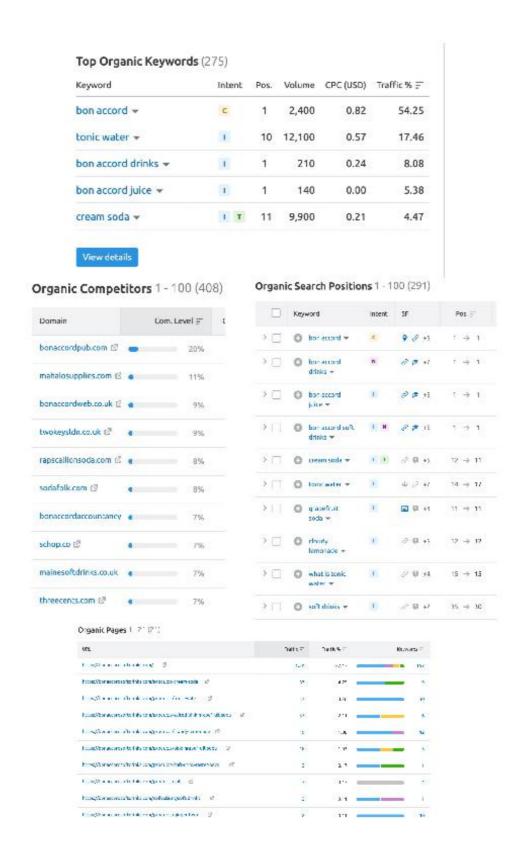




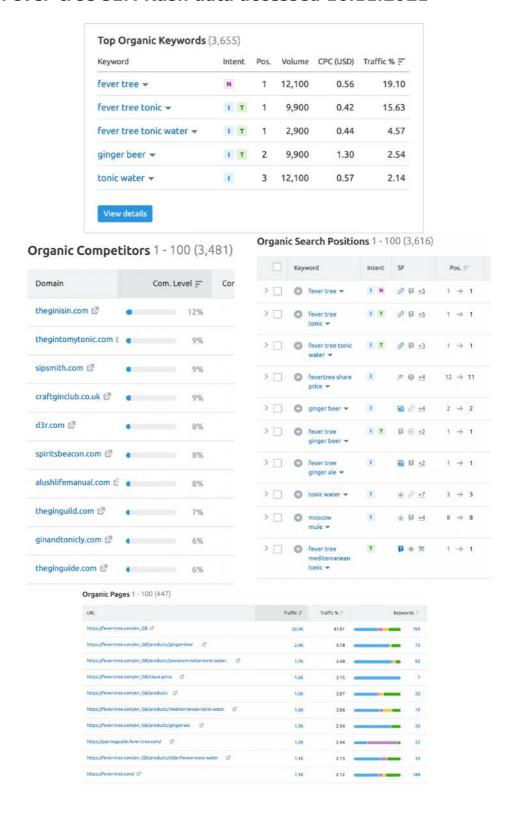




2. Bon Accord SEM Rush data accessed 14.11.2021



3. Fever-tree SEM Rush data accessed 16.11.2021



4. Competitor analysis-based main recommendations for the client:

A. Adding more content on the website

The Walter Gregor's website appearance is a bit flat, not very interactive and involving.

They need to improve and increase the number of contents on the site to be able to deeply attract users, in order to keep them on it longer. Thus, creating curiosity to find out more and desire to purchase something, since this is the first main company's goal, as mentioned before.

Contents are important as:

Unique, relevant, informative content [...] is the reason users want to visit you, why other sites will want to link to you and, of course, why search engines will want to suggest your site to their users in search results (Ryan 2017).

Using video is highly recommended as it is a versatile and engaging content format that offers a real picture of what is happening but is also easy to share across multiple platforms (Digital Marketing Institute, 2018).

Walter Gregor's could use the videos in many ways, from short and concise videos explaining the company overview to Q&A's sessions that involve users and help the potential customers with their doubts, which can also always be shared on the social media platforms (see *Social media marketing* table).

B. Website's minor errors correction

- As mentioned in the *Website objective and performance*, in some page fonts need to be the fixed.

 As shown in the image below, the following pages are missing some details in the product description:

"Christmas Selection Box"

"Mini Christmas Selection Box"

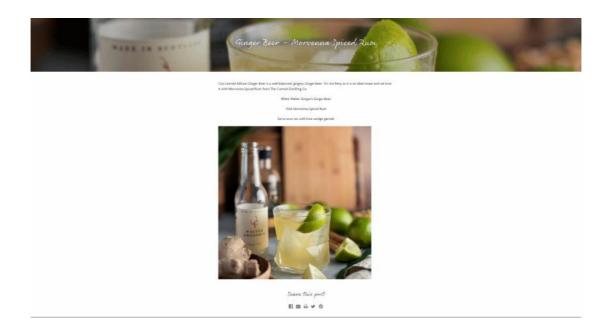
"Walter Gregor's Scottish Neep Tonic Water"

"Walter Gregor's Spiced Tonic Water"

"Walter Gregor's Original Tonic Water"



Some images are not well aligned in the page.



- The Instagram button does not work at the end of the "Haggis, neeps and…tonic!" blog. There is the same problem with the Instagram button link in the YouTube channel.



- Header and footer's social media icons are different from the share social media button in the blog pages: they need to be checked.



C. Gaining more backlinks from website with a high-ranking domain score

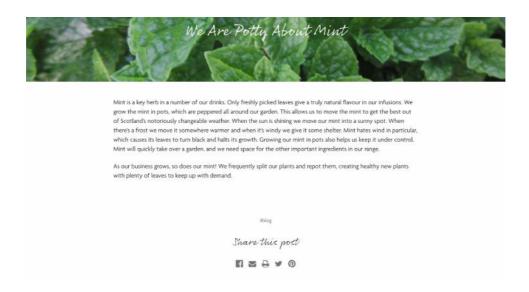
Backlinks are especially valuable for SEO because they represent a "vote of confidence" from one site to another (Mozbar, 2021).

D. Enhancing the blog page

Walter Gregor's blog is too simple, essential and not very engaging. The company needs to improve it because business blogging is a marketing tactic that uses blogging to gain greater online visibility for your company.

In fact, the blog can also be repurposed on social media, can help convert traffic into leads and can support traffic website, which means blogging can assist your business growth (Wainwright, 2021).

Below, an example that needs to be improved by adding interactive content, such as photos/videos, using topics that are more relevant and engaging for TA and choosing appropriate keywords.



E. Incorporating multiple languages to the website

During the client's meeting, Claire said that the company has a future goal of increasing international purchases (Client Video Meeting, 2021), so they should add the multilingual function on the website.

5. Dashboard of Walter Gregor's Google Analytics

