Luxaflex SEO Webinar

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What is SEO & Why it matters

Local SEO & How users search

Google Business Profiles

Why reviews matter

5 Local SEO quick wins

What is SEO

SEO = Search Engine Optimisation

Helps Google to understand what your website is about

SEO is thinking about the user and being user first

There are three main pillars to SEO:

- On-page: What's on your website (Content, images, headings)
- Off-page: Reviews and backlinks from other websites
- Technical: Behind the scenes (Including site speed, mobile friendly)

Our focus today will be Local SEO looking into how you can win with your SEO for on-page elements and Google Business Profile

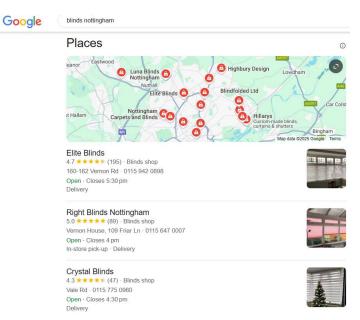


Vhy SEO Matters

- SEO = how customers find your business on Google without paying for ads
- Most customers start their journey online even if they purchase in-store
- SEO can lead to more footfall and enquiries to increase sales
- Local searches are especially important to be visible for



What is Local SEO



Appearing in searches for the products you sell within your local area

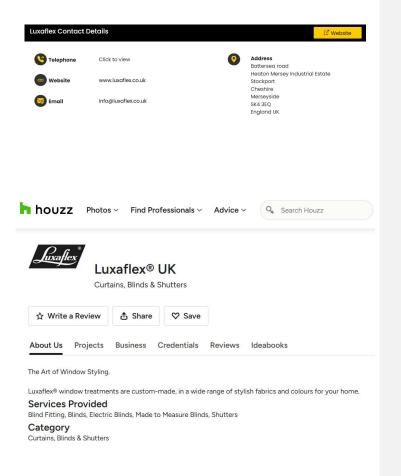
- Showing in the search results for searches such as "blinds in Manchester"
- There are multiple ways in which you can appear in the local search results
- Google also shows a map pack with 3 businesses appearing here for every local search
- Local SEO relies heavily on your website and Google Business Profile being optimised well to appear for local search terms
- Local businesses will also appear below the map pack so there are multiple areas of a Google search where clicks can be gained

How people search

Goal: To think like your customers

- If you were looking for your products, what would you be searching for?
- Most people will be searching for solutions such as "best blackout blinds in Birmingham" or "wooden blinds near me"
- Ensure you are using location-based phrases and keywords naturally on your website and in your Google Business Profile to gain visibility in the search results for these terms

Local Off-Site SEO



What is it?

SEO activities that happen away from your website that still impact how you rank on Google

Common Examples:

- Backlinks from other websites Local newspapers, directories or partner sites linking to your site = a vote of confidence
- Business listings Accurate listings on Yell & Yelp
- Social media mentions When people mention or share links to your business on platforms like Facebook or Instagram

Why it matters:

Google sees these signals as proof that your business is trustworthy and relevant to your local area

Local backlink building



- Partner with local businesses: Collaborate with other local businesses in your area to create mutually beneficial backlinks
- Reach out to local media: Connect with local news websites and blogs for features or mentions in their media to gain relevant local backlinks
- Sponsor local events: Showcase your business by sponsoring local events and activities in your location
- Listing your business in local directories such as Yell, Yelp and Bing Places

SEO basics to apply today



Consistent online listings

- Ensure consistency in information across all online directories and platforms
- Submit your business to reputable local directories to increase visibility
- Monitor your online presence regular checks for accuracy and updates

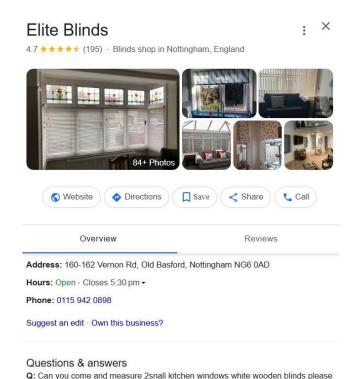
Localised content

- Utilise location specific keywords into your content to target local searches "roller blinds in Bristol"
- Create relevant content for your local area local events, news and community specific topics
- Share customer stories Highlight local experiences through testimonials and case studies

Mobile-Friendly approach

- Responsive website that loads quickly for users
- Improve user experience Make your navigation easy to follow, clear contact details
- Utilise click-to-call buttons allows users to contact you easily via mobile

Google Business Profile



Google Business Profile is an excellent local search tool available to businesses

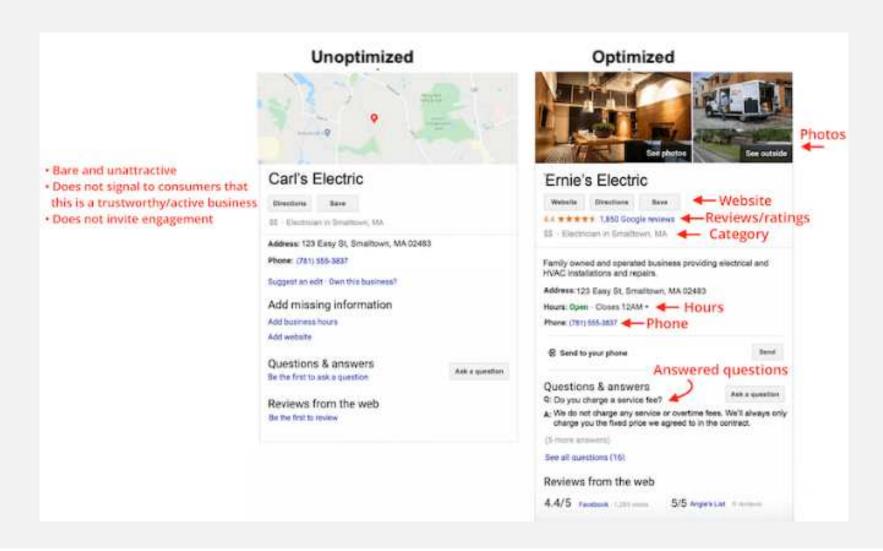
- This profile shows up in map results, location or "near me" searches and also voice searches
- Your profile will include your business name, hours, reviews, photos and products/services
- As this will be seen before your actual website it is essential to make the most of this profile and provide users with as much info as possible

Optimising your Google Business Profile

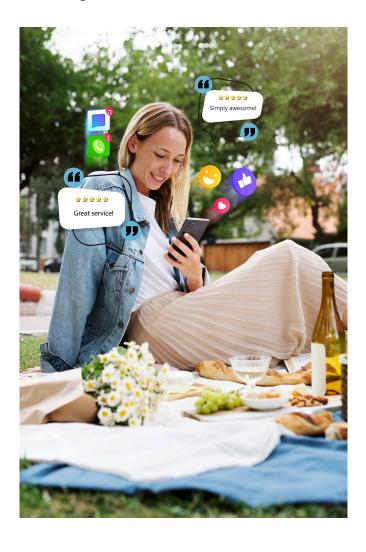
Actionable tips to stand out

- Make sure your listing is claimed and verified
- Add accurate hours, contact information, categories and a compelling description
- Include at least 5 high-quality photos (Such as your shop front, inside of your showroom, staff or products)
- Use keyword rich descriptions (e.g., "made to measure blinds in Leeds")
- Post weekly updates Your time to show off with product launches, latest offers/promotions and tips
- Most importantly if anything changes make sure your Google Business Profile is updated to reflect this

Good vs Bad Google Business Profile



Why reviews matter



Reviews will always remain an important factor for trust

- Reviews influence purchasing intentions and have an impact in improving local rankings
- Ensure you are encouraging reviews from your customers
- The more reviews you can gain from real customers the better the impact this will have on your Local SEO
- Try and reply to all reviews (Whether negative or positive to build trust)
- Do not try and build up reviews through fake emails or profiles (People can see through this and so can Google!)

Quick wins for local SEO



- Make sure your Google Business Profile is claimed, verified and optimised to provide the best experience for potential customers
- Add your business to free directories (Yell, Yelp, Bing Places)
- Ensure your NAP (Name, Address & Phone Number) is consistent across every place where your business is listed
- Aim to receive new reviews every month (even adding 1 to 2 makes a big difference)
- Use the posts feature on your GBP to keep interacting with customers (for promos, latest news or blogs)
- Embed a Google Map on your contact page (Make your business easy to find!)



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