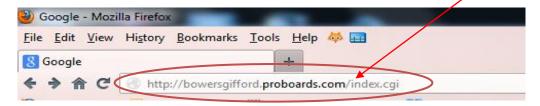
A little help to guide you through setting up a forum account.

You cannot access the complete forum until you have set up your account. Once that's done you will have access to all areas and you can create new posts or reply to existing ones.

There are two ways to get to the forum:

Type the forum address, http://bowersgifford.proboards.com/index.cg, in your internet address bar. This will take you directly to the forum home page.



Alternatively, type the Residents' Association website address in the internet address bar...

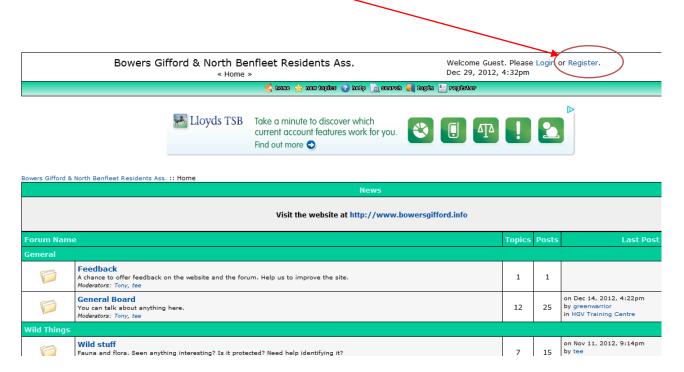


...and once you are on the Residents' Association website homepage, click either the forum link in the toolbar or the big friendly forum button on the right hand side of the page. Both will take you to the forum home page. This is the way most people get to the forum.

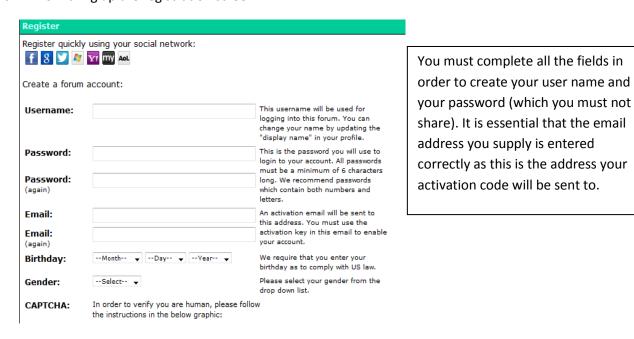


The next page will guide you through setting up your account.

The forum homepage looks like this. If you have already successfully registered, then all you need to do is login. Help with posting will be in a separate guide, downloadable from the forum. New registrants will need to click on the Register button.

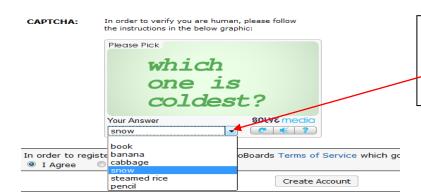


This will now bring up the registration screen:





You will also need to click on the PLAY button to reveal some text which you will need to type into the answer box. A daft video might play, but you can skip the nonsense by pressing the skip button (if it shows one), if not, just wait it out until the text appears. Now type the text into the answer box.



Alternatively you might get a question or puzzle, so select the answer from the pull down options.



The Terms of Service are quite important. Amongst other things it contains information about privacy, code of conduct and content. Click on the link to read it.

Once you've read the Terms of Service (or skimmed over it like most people do), you need to decide whether or not you agree to abide by the terms and conditions.

Click the radio button ('I agree') in order to continue. If you click the 'I do not agree' button, you will not be able to complete your registration.

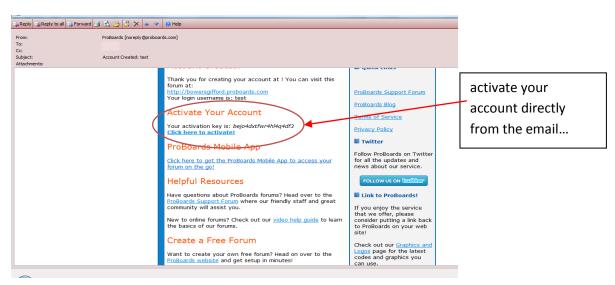
Now that it's all filled in, click the 'Create Account' button.

This screen will appear after pressing the 'create account' button.



Complete registration by clicking on the Finish Registration button. Now close the internet browser window.

Go to the email account you registered with and check for new mail. You will now have received an automated mailing which confirms your email address as being genuine and enables you to activate your forum account.



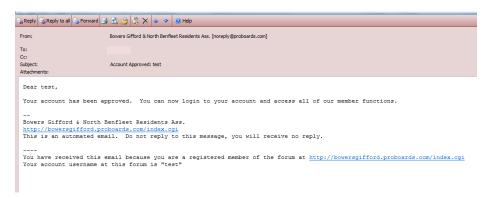
...and very cleverly it will take you to the correct page with the activation key field completed for you.



And now clck on the 'Activate Account' button.



Once you account has been approved by an administrator you will receive the following email at the email address you supplied stating that your account has been approved.



We aim to complete approvals within 24 hours, but it may take longer. Once approved you will receive an email at the email address you supplied (see example above). If you think you haven't received it, check that it's not hiding in your junk or spam folder. If you haven't received an email within 72 hours then contact us at enquiries@bowersgifford.info, stating 'Forum help' in the subject line.

We hope that you have found this tutorial helpful. Please place feedback on the forum. Happy posting!

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