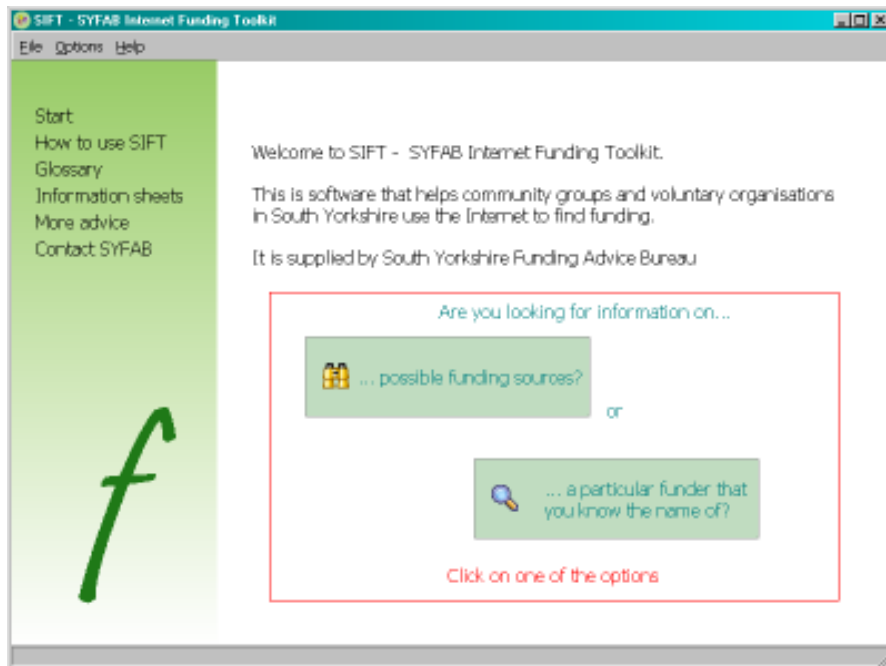


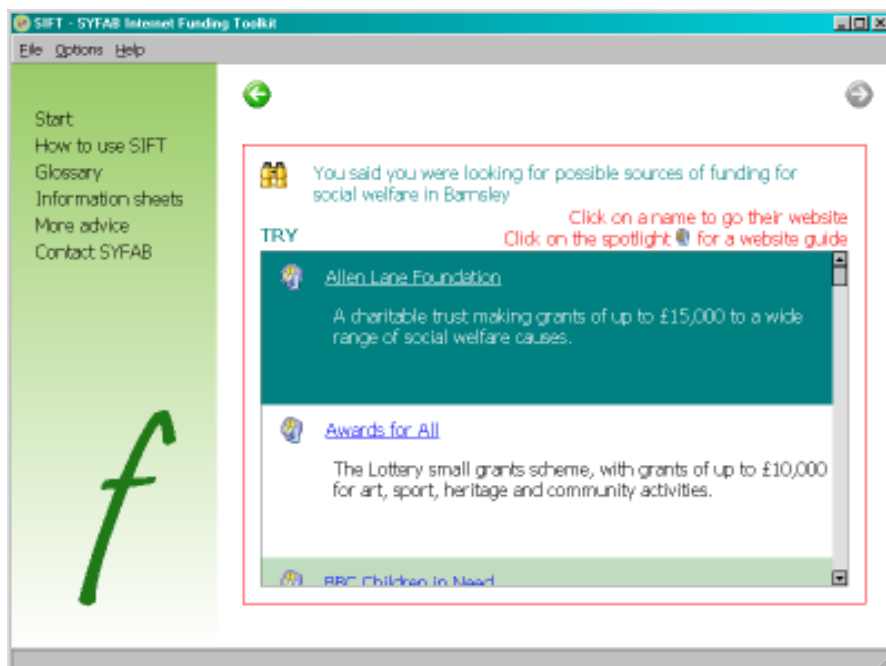


SIFT – the SYFAB Internet Funding Toolkit, is a simple piece of software to help voluntary and community groups make good use of the internet in finding funding information. It has been produced by the IT Project at South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB) and is freely available to voluntary and community groups in South Yorkshire by contacting Danny Antrobus at SYFAB.

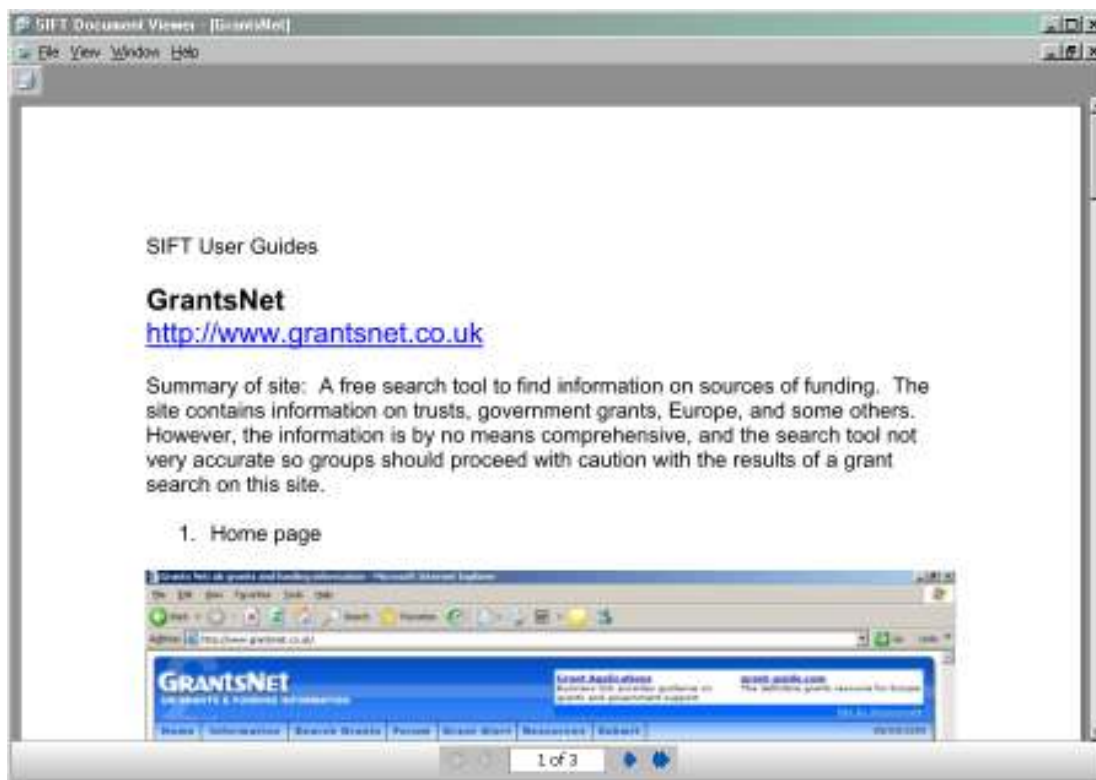
Using SIFT: Groups enter some basic information about their area of work and geographic location; SIFT then produces a list of funding websites that might have information relevant to that group.



The websites covered by SIFT are a combination of the websites of individual charitable trust and lottery funders, websites with general funding advice and information, local organisations with funding programmes, and websites with searchable funding databases.



Each result on the list has a link to the relevant website and a link to the SIFT website guide associated with it. The guide explains what funding information is covered by the website and how to find it, has notes on how to navigate the site, an evaluation of the standard of the information on the site and suggestions on how to get the best out of it.



Groups use SIFT as a tool to improve funding research and to be more proactive in finding funding sources and staying informed of developments in appropriate funding sources.

SIFT encourages groups to make more use of the internet and shows them how to save time when conducting internet research. It is regularly updated as websites change, or new websites are developed.

The software also includes a glossary of funding terms, a set of SYFAB information sheets on various aspects of fundraising, and information on sources of further advice and support.

Ordering SIFT: SIFT is free to groups in South Yorkshire. Contact Danny to receive a copy.

Training: A companion set of online tutorials are available to all SIFT subscribers. These cover:

- Guidance on using SIFT
- Internet Research Techniques
- Finding Funders
- Researching Individual Funders.

To access the tutorials and for more information on training, contact Danny to join the IT Project email mailing list.

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