

# Digital Fife Autobanners



Anyone can now create a good looking banner for their website by following these instructions. Under "Admin" click "Autobanner" and the following popup window appears:

The screenshot shows the autobanner configuration interface. At the top, there is a horizontal scroll bar with several background image thumbnails. A callout bubble points to this area with the text "Choose a background image". To the right, another callout bubble points to the banner area with the text "Your banner will be shown here". Below the thumbnails, the form includes the following fields and callouts:

- "Define a banner for your website: Click a thumbnail above to select a background image" (instructional text)
- "Background image:" (text input field)
- "Position of text:" (dropdown menu set to "left")
- "Activate autobanner:" (checkbox, currently unchecked) with a callout bubble saying "Tick to make active!".
- "Text can be on the left, centre or right" (callout bubble pointing to the position dropdown)
- "First line of text:" (text input field)
- "Second line of text:" (text input field)
- For each text line, there are settings for: Colour (hex code), Size (dropdown), Font (dropdown), Style (dropdown), Weight (dropdown), and Shadow (dropdown).
- Buttons for "Confirm" and "Close" are at the bottom.

The background images scroll horizontally and clicking one enters the picture name in the relevant box. At the end of the scroll there are some full-size images suitable for 960 pixel wide sites. The smaller images repeat to create an image of the correct width.

Clicking a colour box brings up an automatic colour palette. Here is an example with all boxes completed:



The screenshot shows the completed autobanner configuration window. The background image is "P13.png". The text is set as follows:

- First line of text: "WELCOME TO OLDTOWN" (Colour: #F7FF14, Size: 36, Font: sans-serif, Style: normal, Weight: bold, Shadow: 2)
- Second line of text: "... a happy and caring place to live" (Colour: #FFC7FD, Size: 28, Font: sans-serif, Style: normal, Weight: normal, Shadow: 0)

The "Activate autobanner" checkbox is now checked. The "Confirm" and "Close" buttons are visible at the bottom.

With "Activate autobanner" off, adjust your settings until you are happy with the banner.

Take time over this, making sure you are happy with fonts, colours and sizes as the banner appears on every page of your website.

When you are happy with the banner, tick "Activate autobanner". This then replaces (but does not delete) any standard banner already set up.

Here is the final banner on a test site:

Here are some other examples from Digital Fife: