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### **'Silver Surfer' scheme a success**

Airdrie-based, beCogent, is thrilled at the success of its 'Silver Surfer' programme.

The course offered people over 50 years old, with little or no computer experience, an opportunity to gain basic IT skills and the confidence required to operate a pc, surf the internet and send emails.

The response from the local community was fantastic with 52 interested candidates signing up to take advantage of the free course.

A dedicated team at beCogent was on hand to help the computing novices build up their confidence and to give help and support throughout the day.

Charles Breslin, Managing Director at beCogent, said: "We wanted to give something back to local people. The company as a whole is dedicated to the local community and we felt it would be beneficial for us to help people in the area improve their computing skills.

"It is wonderful to see the difference a little bit of IT training can do for some people – it means that many can now keep in touch with family and loved ones via the internet."

Alison Da Silva (64), an impressed 'Silver Surfer', backed up Charles' comments when she said: "I've recently returned to my roots in Scotland and my immediate family are abroad so learning how to email was my priority. However, I gained so much more by meeting and making new friends."

Rhona Hughes (62), added: "I found the course a great experience and everyone involved was so nice."

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