

Silver surfers get on the worldwide web

OVER sixties in Newport are using the internet thanks to Newport Housing Trust.

The trust gave £3,000 to a project set up by e-inclusion through the Gaer Community Network.

This saw six of the trust's Gaer residents get a free reconditioned computer in their homes with the only cost being a broadband connection.

Each resident was also trained to use the computers.

Now the trust hopes to have a budget approved in April to give six to 12 more residents the same opportunity.

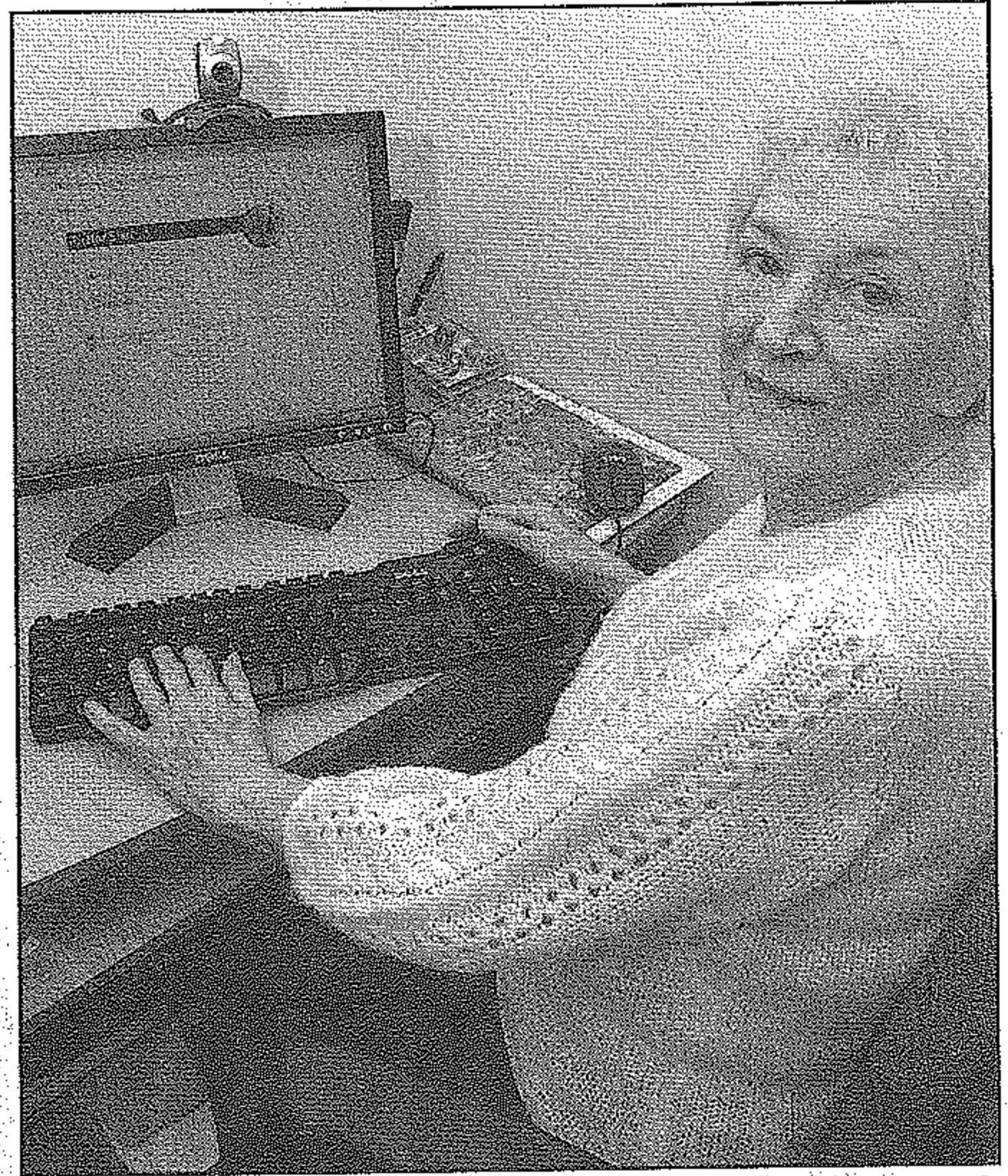
A further six residents in the Bishpool and Treberth Community Group are bidding for funding from the Ringland Community Centre.

The trust's head of corporate services, Paula Thornton said they hoped, if the project continues to be a success, it could be delivered to more of the group's 424 members.

Kay Meade, 72, is one resident who is taking part in the project and attends the Gaer Community IT Club.

She now regularly uses the internet and a webcam to speak to her sister who lives in America.

Mrs Meade said: "I now visit the web pages they mention



NEW INTEREST: Kay Meade is enjoying the project ML_8840

on the news and I feel more involved.

"I also regularly talk to my granddaughter about Facebook and have used

Google Earth to view my old home in Australia."

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