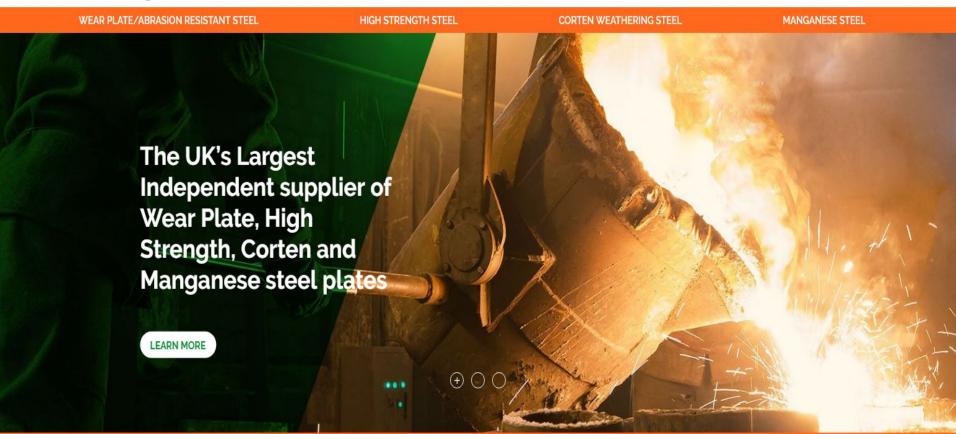
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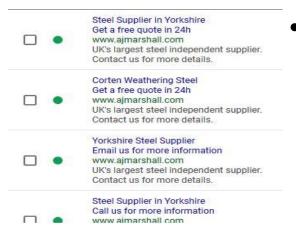




# The Approach

- AJ Marshall is a steel supplier, that is rapidly expanding its empire within the metal industry.
- I represented this client on behalf of a marketing agency that I did some freelance work for.
- My main responsibilities were:
- Creating an SEO strategy
- PPC campaign,
- Content marketing
- Email marketing

- Compete with the large competitors in the marketplace
- Increase clicks and impressions on Google Ads



- Conducted a SWOT analysis of some of some of the UK's biggest steel suppliers (AJ Marshall's competitors)
- Conducted a SWOT analysis of AJ Marshall's website and suggested improvements
- Tweaked existing PPC campaigns to improve visibility on Google

- Generate new business
- Increase website ranking
- Drive online conversions

- Created a targeted multi-channel marketing campaign
- Set up several new PPC campaigns for separate keywords which doubled their client's ROI within 3 weeks:



- Increase brand awareness
- Build organic visibility
- Increase leads



- Created email marketing campaigns that were successful in generating leads
- The online newsletter and email marketing strategy was successful in generating several dozen product sales.



- Rank on page 1-3 of Google for their chosen keywords
- Rank above competitors
- Increase both organic and SEO visibility



- Created SEO site structure document that outlined a keyword plan for the entire website, which included:
- highly targeted and tailored keywords,
- meta tags,
- image alt tags,
- title tags,
- URL link changes
- descriptions
- Google Adwords campaign that targeted a list of the most profitable keywords and successfully increased ROI

# **Content Marketing**

- A major part of my overall marketing strategy was creating content for different aspects of their campaign.
- In addition to writing advertising copy and email communications, I was responsible for writing blogs, website copy and newsletters.
- I've included a brief snapshot of how this content matched with the client's overall objectives below.



May 2018



### Corten Weathering Accelerator Now Available!



In response to customer demand. A.J. Marshall can now supply a Corten rust accelerant, de-greaser and varnish.

This non-acid based product is ideal for applications where it is not practical to expose Corten to the atmosphere.

Rather than waiting up to 18 months for a patina to develop naturally, this quick and easy to use product gives a rusted finish to Corten in a matter of days.

For further details contact mike yeadon@ajmarehall.com or biake.marehall@ajmarehall.com

### Supporting Martin House



Earlier this year we were proud to make our yearly contribution to Martin House, a fantastic hospice looking after both terminally ill children and their families.

It is a charity that is close to the hearts of a number of our team at A.J. Marshall as well as the general public.

We help raise our contribution through both the sale of offcuts and sample pieces to our clients alongside a donation made through the company. This year

# Blogs (Click right to view)

I created a series of blogs for AJ Marshall. The blogs served 2 purposes:

- Increased brand awareness
- Contributed to SEO ranking
- Educated consumers about steel products sold by AJ Marshall
- Encouraged consumers to buy steel products

### 5 reasons to use Corten weathering steel



Corten weathering steel is a type of steel that develops a protective layer of rust when exposed to atmospheric conditions.

The two main types of Corten steel are: Corten A, which is typically used for architectural purposes and Corten B, which has been impact tested meaning it is often used in structures.

It has properties that are very advantageous for certain projects and we will discuss these below.

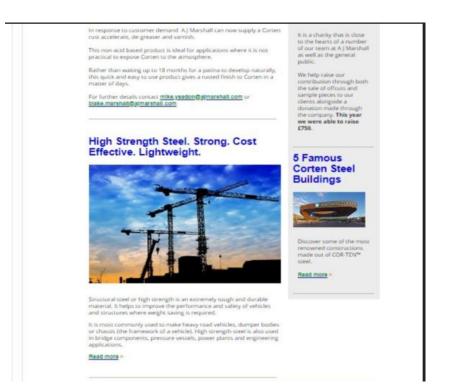
#### 1 - Corten weathering steel is anti-corrosive

Corten weathering steel has anti-corrosive properties that gives it an advantage over other structural steels. The naturally occurring rust that it develops helps to lengthen the lifecycle of a weathering steel structure, which in turn keeps costs to a minimum.

# **Newsletter Marketing**

Another way I engaged prospects and existing customers is by creating newsletters and promoting it via email. The campaign successfully increased ROI by 30%. You can see 2 newsletter examples below:





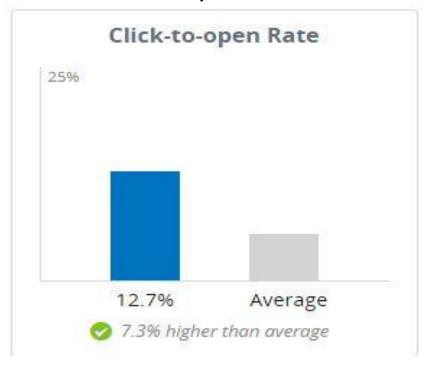
## Results

And now for the most important part...below I have outlined how the results matched up with client demands and expectations.

### **Brand Awareness & Lead Generation**

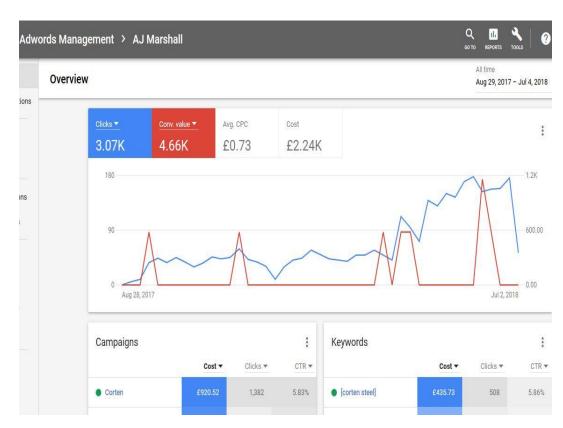
- 10X increase in newsletter subscribers
- Average 1,000 views on blogs up from 200 previously, as measured using Google Analytics
- 500+ leads from email marketing campaigns, as measured by email insights data

### **Email open rate**



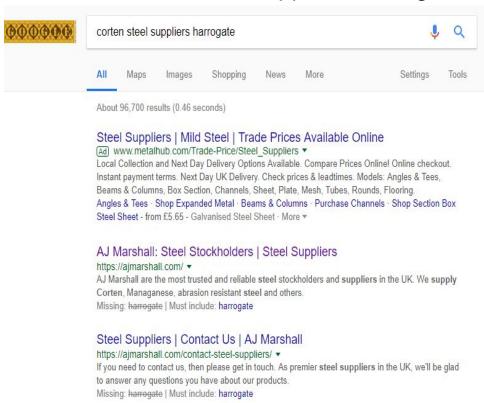
## **SEO and PPC Results**

- Paid PPC ads brought in more than £4,000 of sales - (see proof on the right)
- Increase in domain authority
- Increase in quality backlinks
- AJ Marshall now ranks in the top organic search results on Page 1 of Google for several keywords (examples below)



# SEO in Action (Below are 2 examples of organic search results)

### Left > Corten Steel Suppliers Harrogate



### Right > Steel Suppliers

About 36,600,000 results (0.58 seconds)

#### Steel Suppliers | Mild Steel | Trade Prices Available Online

Ad www.metalhub.com/Trade-Price/Steel\_Suppliers ▼

Local Collection and Next Day Delivery Options Available. Compare Prices Online! Instant payment terms. Next Day UK Delivery. Online checkout. Check prices & leadtimes. Neighborhoods: North England, Yorkshire, Lancs, Durham, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle. Purchase Channels - Shop Section Box - Angles & Tees - Shop Expanded Metal - Beams & Columns Steel Sheet - from £5.65 - Galvanised Steel Sheet - More \*

### High Strength Steel | Trading and Cutting | oxycoupage.com

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#### MTL Advanced | High Strength Steels Supplier

www.mtladv.com/materials/high-strength-steels/ ▼

MTL Advanced are the UK number one supplier of Weldox, Domex and other high strength steels.

### HSLA Steel | High Strength Low Alloy Steels | Suppliers | Company

https://masteel.co.uk/hsla-steel/ ▼

Masteel's range of HSLA steels (high strength low alloy) are engineered to promote excellent high yield characteristics. We are global suppliers.

#### Tata Steel - Cold-rolled - High-strength steel

https://www.tatasteeleurope.com/en/products/engineering/cold\_/high-strength-steel ▼
Tata Steel supplies high-strength micro-alloyed (HSLA) steel which compiles with European standard EN 10268:2006+A1:2013. Bake-hardening grades.

### AJ Marshall: Steel Stockholders | Steel Suppliers

https://ajmarshall.com/ ▼

The UK's Largest Independent supplier of Wear Plate, High Strength, Corten ... Since 1980 A J Marshall have supplied high quality steel plates and profiles to ...

## **Overall results**

- 33% increase in traffic
- 9 of their keywords now appear on Page 1 of Google
- AJM occupy 90% of the paid search impressions for selected keywords
  - 20% increase in enquiries traced back to organic search results
    - And let's not forget the £4k sales from PPC ads alone!

## The proof is in the pudding..visual representation of overall results below

