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1. What is it?

Serious Slider is a plugin that allows you to create responsive image slideshows (or 'sliders') in a widget, post or custom post. Image slides can be superimposed with titles, text, buttons and links, and are fully SEO friendly and accessible.

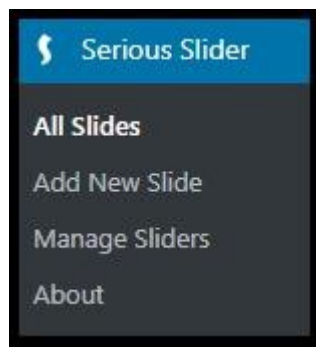
2. What does it do?

Creates a dynamic image carousel, displayed in a 'slideshow'

- Adds titles and descriptions to slideshow images
- Adds buttons that link to a URL from within the images
- Offers different slider styles, transitions and animations

3. How does it work?

Once you have enabled the plugin, you will be presented with an additional menu item in the left-hand navigation menu:



➤ Terminology/Overview

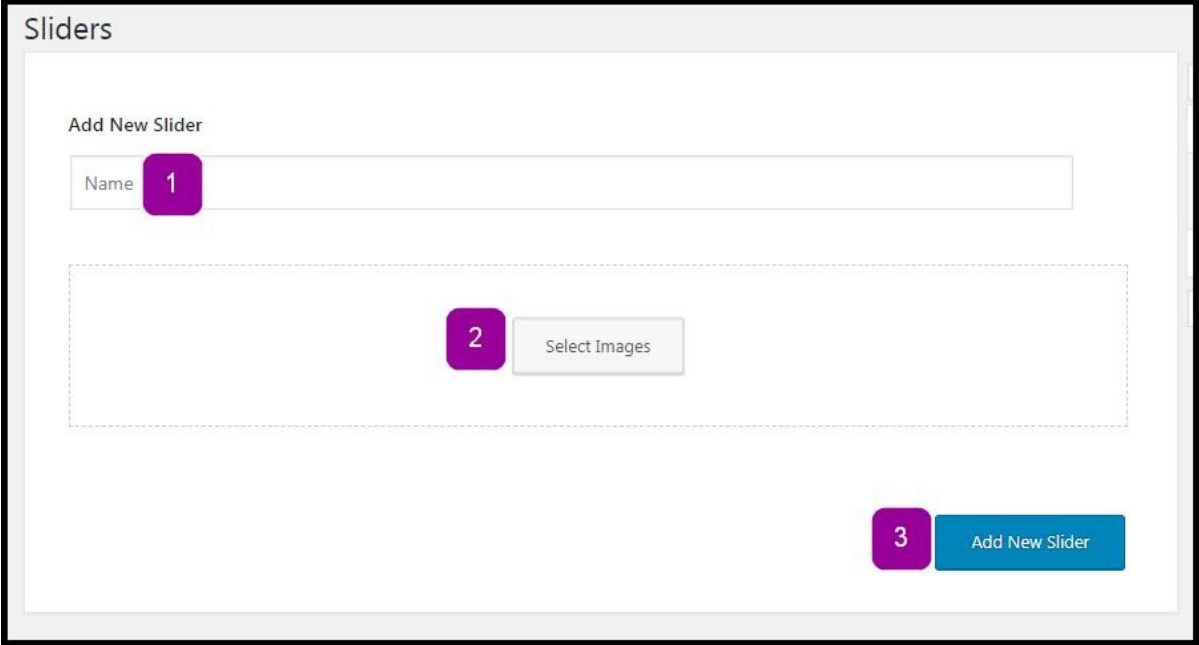
A 'slide' is a piece of content, made up from an image, a title, description text and a custom link that's visible on your site for a configured period.

A 'slider' is a collection of slides and is the entity that you are displaying on your site. You can have multiple slides and multiple sliders – however only one slide can be associated with one slider at a time.

- All Slides – A page where you can view, add, edit and delete slides.
 - Add New Slide – Adds a slide, the slide title, the slide image and buttons (note the slide will not show if there is no image to support it).
 - Manage Sliders – Create a new slider or delete an existing one.
 - About – Additional information provided by the author of the plugin
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➤ **Creating a Slider**

Start creating a slider by clicking 'Manage Sliders':

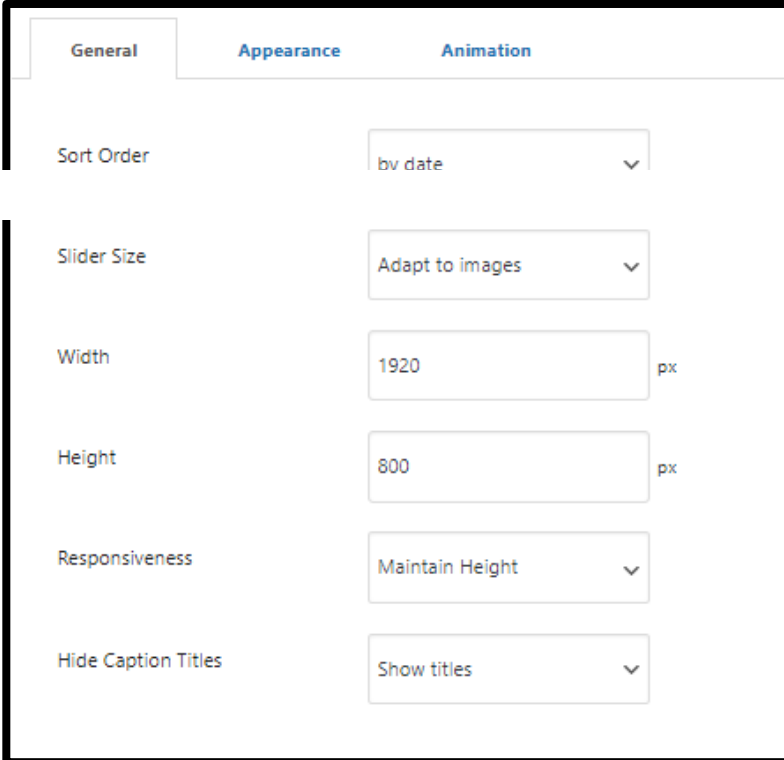


The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Sliders". At the top left, it says "Add New Slider". Below this is a form with three main components: 1. A text input field labeled "Name" with a purple circle containing the number "1" next to it. 2. A large dashed rectangular area containing a "Select Images" button with a purple circle containing the number "2" next to it. 3. A blue button labeled "Add New Slider" with a purple circle containing the number "3" next to it.

1. Give the slider a name
2. Select the images to display
3. Clicking 'Add New Slider' will open additional slider properties that can be set.

> Settings

General



The screenshot shows the 'Appearance' tab of the settings interface. It contains the following settings:

Setting	Value
Sort Order	bv date
Slider Size	Adapt to images
Width	1920 px
Height	800 px
Responsiveness	Maintain Height
Hide Caption Titles	Show titles

- **Sort order** - Order slides **by date** (newest to oldest), **order value** (low to high) or **random**.
- **Slider size** – **Adapt to images** (keeps image width and resizes with image height) or **force Images to Size** (resizes images to the configured slider sizes width and height) or **Contain Images**. Note that image distortion may occur using force restraints and it is recommended to match the dimensions to that of the original image.
- **Slider width** - change the width of the image in pixels (px) - the height will auto adjust for responsiveness.
- **Slider height** – change the height of the image in pixels (px) - only active when the 'force constraints' option is selected.
- **Responsiveness** – **maintain height** (image height will be maintained on browser resize) and **legacy resize** (scales entire image on browser resize).
- **Hide caption titles** – show or hide the caption titles (please note caption titles are assigned based on the image filename by default – this can be changed in the 'All Slides' section).

Appearance

General	Appearance	Animation
	Style	Light
	Shadow	None
	Bullets and Navigation	Appear on hover
	Base Font Size	1.0 em
	Caption Alignment	Center
	Caption Width	1030 px
	Text Style	Text Shadow
	Accent Color	Select Colour

- **Style** – choose from 7 appearance presets – Light, Light 2, Dark, Square, Tall, Caption Left, Caption Bottom, Cryout Theme
- **Shadow** – choose from 7 appearance presets – Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Sharp, Diffuse, Dreamy, Shorter, Longer
- **Bullets and Navigation** – adjust the visibility of the navigation arrows and bullets (between always visible, always hidden or appear on hover)
- **Base Font Size** – adjust to increase or decrease the overall slider caption font size
- **Caption Alignment** – adjust the alignment of the caption text – left, right, centre or justified
- **Caption Width** – limit the caption width in pixels (px)
- **Text Style** – choose from three styles – none, text shadow or background colour
- **Accent Colour** – change the colour of text on slider elements

Animation

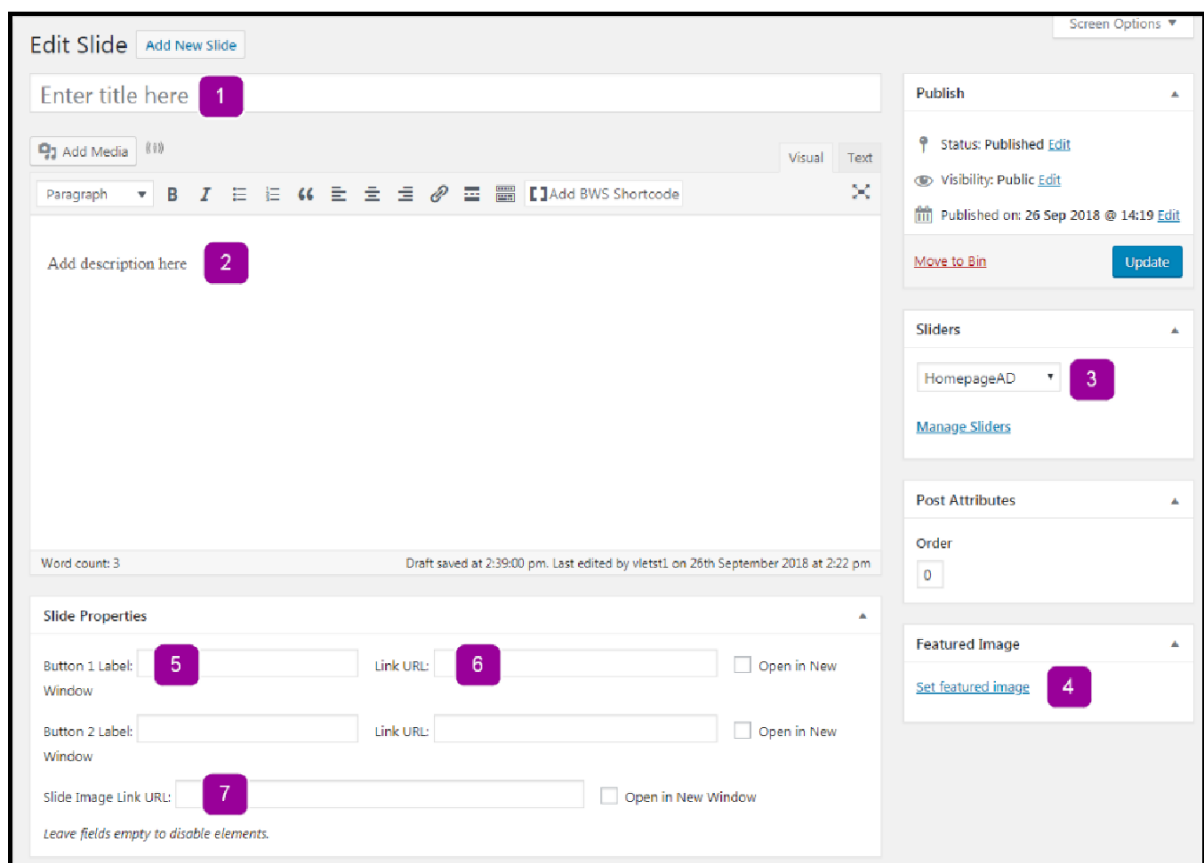
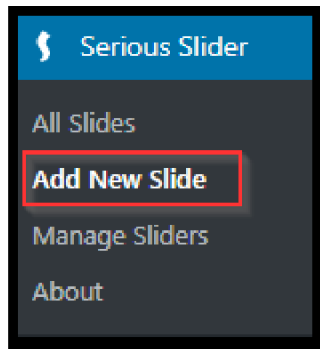
General	Appearance	Animation
Autoplay	Enabled	▼
Transition Effect	Slide	▼
Transition Pause on Hover	Enabled	▼
Transition Delay	5000	ms
Transition Duration	1000	ms
Caption Text Animation	Slide	▼

- **Autoplay** – does the slideshow start automatically? - Enabled or Disabled
- **Transition Effect** – choose from 7 animation effects – Fade, Slide, Overlide, Underslide, Parallax, Horizontal Flip, Vertical Flip
- **Transition Pause on Hover** – pause transitions between slides on mouse hover – Enabled or Disabled
- **Transition Delay** – the amount of time in milliseconds a slide is displayed on the site
- **Transition Duration** – the amount of time in milliseconds the transition effect between slides takes
- **Caption Text Animation** – set the caption animation effect on the caption text – there are 6 presets – None, Fade, Slide, Blur, Zoom In, Zoom Out

4. Slides

➤ Adding a new slide

To add a new slide, click on **Add New Slide**

A screenshot of the 'Edit Slide' interface. The interface is divided into several sections. At the top left, there is a text input field labeled 'Enter title here' with a purple callout '1'. Below this is a rich text editor with a toolbar containing various icons for text formatting and media insertion. The main content area of the editor contains the text 'Add description here' with a purple callout '2'. At the bottom left, there is a 'Slide Properties' section with three rows of input fields: 'Button 1 Label' with callout '5', 'Link URL' with callout '6', and 'Open in New Window' checkbox; 'Button 2 Label' and 'Link URL' fields; and 'Slide Image Link URL' with callout '7' and 'Open in New Window' checkbox. On the right side, there are three panels: 'Publish' with status and visibility information and an 'Update' button; 'Sliders' with a dropdown menu set to 'HomepageAD' and callout '3', and a 'Manage Sliders' link; and 'Post Attributes' with an 'Order' field set to '0'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Featured Image' section with a 'Set featured image' link and callout '4'. The bottom of the interface shows a word count of 3 and a draft save timestamp.

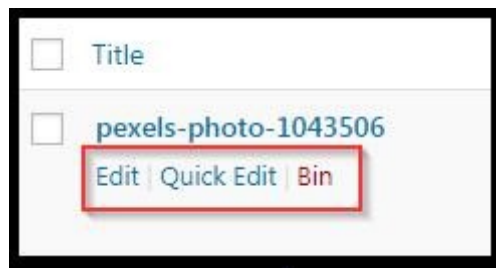
> Settings

1. Title the slide. The title text will be shown on the slide.
2. Add a description. The content entered here will be shown as the slide caption below the title (for those that are familiar with it, content can also use HTML mark-up).
3. Associate the slide with a slider. If there are none in the list, click on Manage Sliders.
4. Set the featured image. The featured image is the slide itself.
5. The slider can display one or two clickable buttons. Add the text to display on button one here, for example 'Read more' or 'Continue reading'.
6. This is the URL that the button will link to.
7. You can assign a separate URL link for the entire slide image itself (and make it open in a new window).

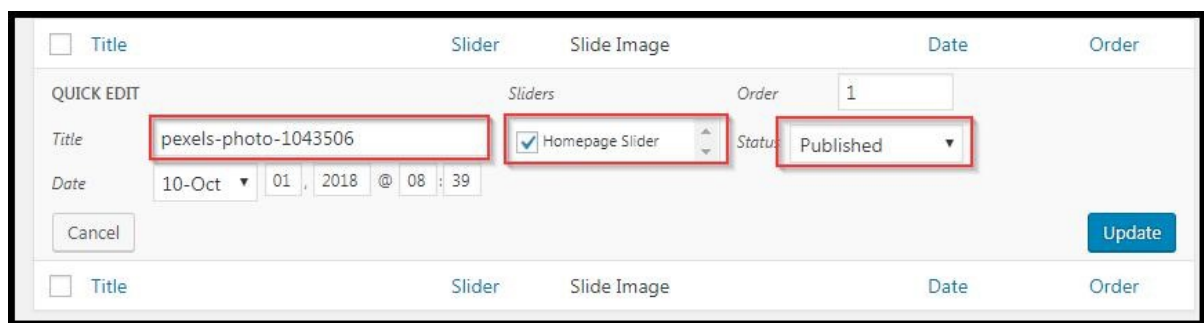
> All slides

The 'All Slides' page displays all slides with some of their attributes: the title, the associated slider, the slide image, publish date and order value.

Moving the mouse and hovering over the slide title will reveal the 'Edit', 'Quick Edit' and 'Bin' links.



- **Edit** – opens the edit screen shown in the 'Adding a new slide' section above.
- **Quick edit** – opens a minimal edit interface that allows you to change the title, the associated slider and the published status.
- **Bin** – delete the slide



If you have many slides, you can selectively display slides associated with a specific slider by clicking on the name of the slider in the slider column.

> **Displaying a slider**

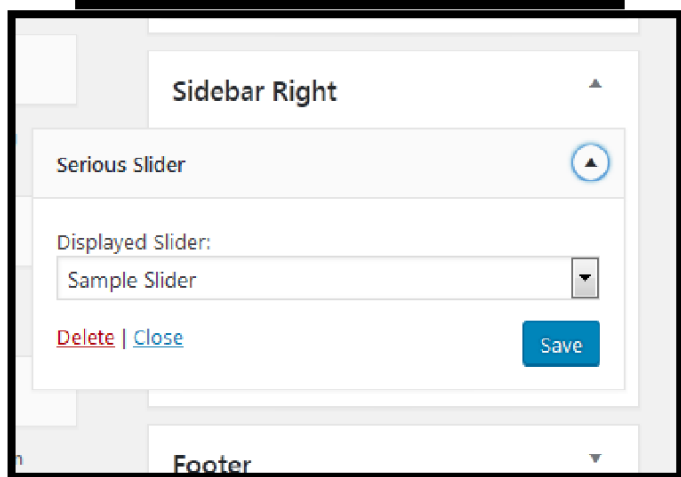
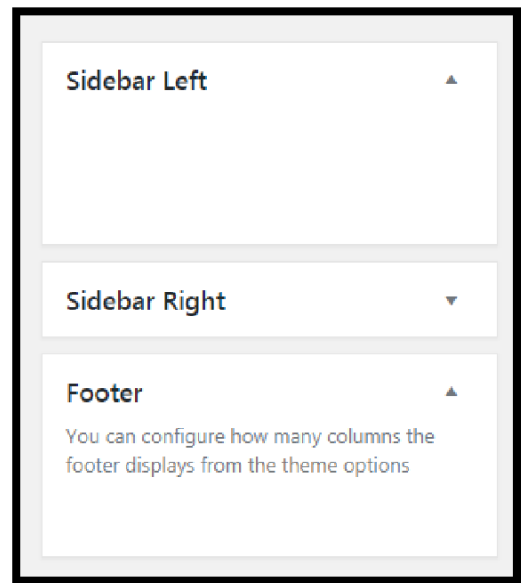
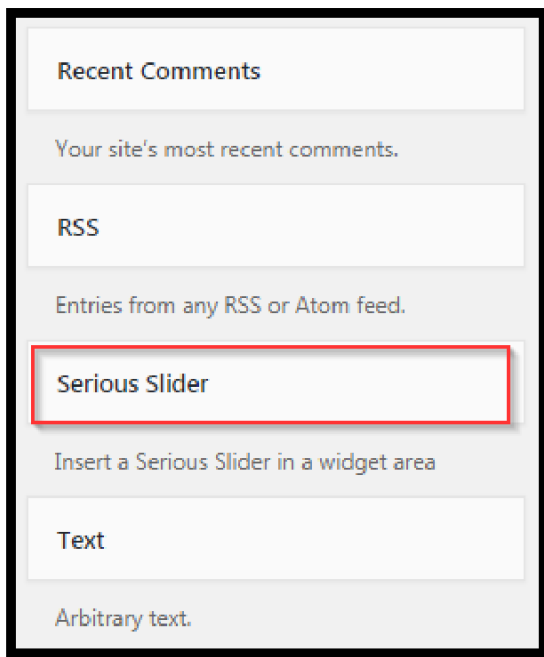
There are multiple options for displaying a slider on your website, and these options can vary depending on the theme that you use.

Generally, these types of plugins are made available to your website in the form of a widget (a widget is a small block that performs a specific function). You can add these widgets to specific areas on your web page.

From the 'Appearance' link on the navigation menu, select 'Widgets'.

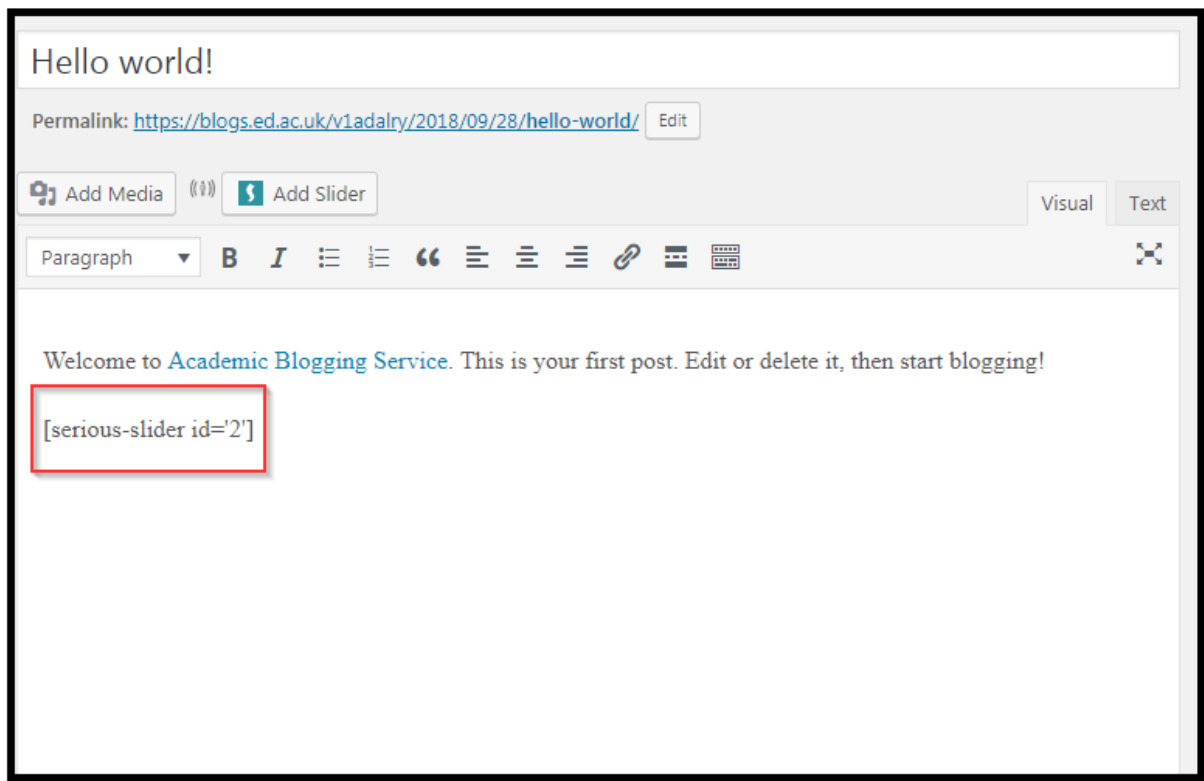


You will see a list of available widgets on the middle of the page, with a description beneath the widget that tells you what it adds to your site. The areas where the widget can be displayed are on the right-hand side. The easiest way to add a widget to an area is to drag it from the left and drop it on the right.



Using shortcode:

You can also use the shortcode call `[serious-slider id="X"]` provided on the 'Manage Sliders' page (the shortcode is displayed in a column in the centre of the page – simply copy the code and paste it into a post or page – remember to include the square brackets and slider id).

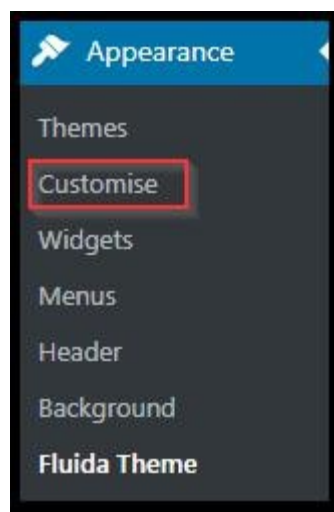


The author of the plugin has included built-in support if you are using one of their themes – currently supported themes that use this are as follows:

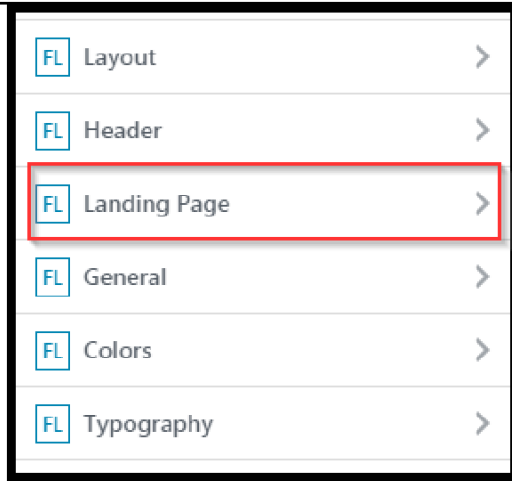
- Fluida

➤ Adding a slider using Fluida

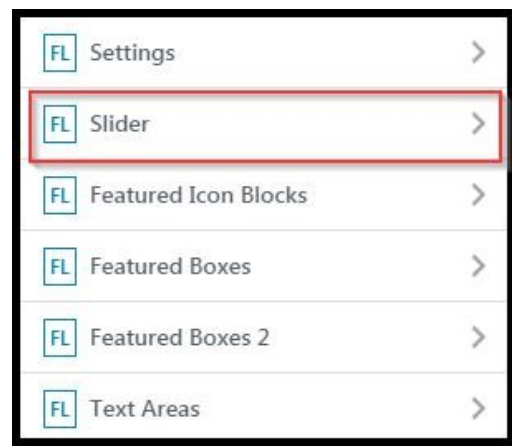
Built-in plugin support allows customisation from the customisation screen. Click on 'Customise' from the 'Appearance' menu on the left-hand side:



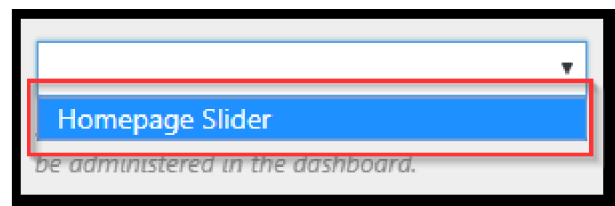
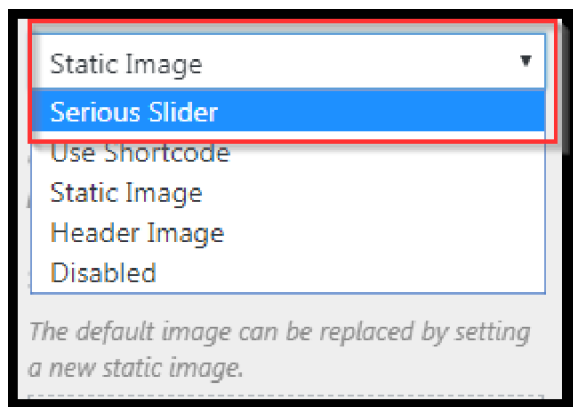
Select 'Landing Page' from the theme settings menu:



Select 'Slider' from the landing page menu:



Select 'Serious Slider' from the drop-down menu, then select your desired slider from the subsequent drop-down menu.



When you are ready to save your web page, click on 'Publish' at the top left-hand side to make the change.

