

LETS START! INSPIRATION LIST

Here's a short list of some of the "wants & offers" that have been traded through LETS in Britain. It may give you some idea about the kinds of things you could trade. So if you can't think of what to offer, or what you want, take a look at the list and think again!

HOME & DOMESTIC

Shopping
Returning library books
Help choosing presents
Kitchen Elf
Washing up
Use of washing machine
Use of carpet cleaner
Carpet cleaning
Window cleaning
Cookers cleaned
House "blitz", cleaning
Help when moving house
Help with kids parties
Cleaning up after parties
Extra help when your ill
Your slave for the Day
Ironing
China repairs
Shelves put up
House minding
Waiting in for tradesman
Plant care during holidays
Pet sitting, dog walking

FOOD

Home-baked Bread
Pies, Cookies
Best Recipes, tips
Celebration cakes
Cream teas
Vegetarian freezer
Meals
Bulk Buy Food co-op
Garden Vegetables
Allotment vegetables
Delivered; PYO fruit
Free range eggs
Goats Milk & Yogurt
Candle-lit dinners
Caribbean Cookery
Special diets,
Cookery & shopping
Local honey, beeswax
Herbs, home grown
Jams, bottled fruit
Dinners set, preserving
Pans, tables etc to hire
Food Mixer for sale

CLOTHING

Clothes repaired
Revamp your wardrobe
curtains made up
Sweaters, commissions
Clothes swap parties
Colour & style advice
helping choosing clothes
Costume making
Mend jeans "baggies"
Embroidery, appliqué
Skis, boots etc to rent
Wanted buttons pre 1960
Clothes rail for hire
Patchwork finished
Fabric crafts, bags, hats

ARTS & CRAFTS

Personal greeting cards
Poster Design, DTP
Cartoons, illustrations
Old frames wanted
House Portraits
Batik, Fabric painting
Tie dyeing
Candles, Jewellery
Silk Screen Printing
Darkroom/studio share
Use of kiln, wheel
pottery, commissions
Photography
Video Camera hire
Arts & craft afternoons
Papermaking
Models for life drawing
Paintings, sculptures
Disco, Band hire
Guitar, Piano, Singing
Voice, Dance etc lessons
Trips to Theatre
exhibitions
Poems for birthdays
Storytelling, Comedian
Theatre group seeks extras
Recording studio
Band seeks practise room
Audiotape copying
Slide projector hire
Slide projector hire
Marketing of arts/crafts

BUILDING

Electrical repairs
- fridges, music centres,
washing machines etc.
Electrician, emergency
call out
Video recorder advice
joinery, carpentry
Plastering
plumbing
Central heating
energy saving advice
and installation
architectural design
Tool, ladder hire
Concrete mixer, skip
scaffolding hire
chisels sharpened
Walls, fireplaces
built
Pianos moved
Gutters cleaned
Builders mate
brawny & brainy
household repairs

GARDENING

Gardening advice
Garden tool hire
mower, strimmer
Weeding, lawn
mowing, digging
garden Gang--sorts
your garden in a day
Use part of my
garden for allotments
Hedge laying
Fencing erected
Tree surgery
Garden design
Patios, paths laid
Ponds and fountains
Garden shed wanted
Chicken house built
Harvest help, Sept
Logs chopped
delivered
Manure
Strimmer for hire
chain saw & driver

ACCOMODATION

Bed & Breakfast (for
your friends when you
haven't room)
Storage: Attic/dry
cellar
Garden & barbecue hire
Shed, garage to rent
Room for parties
Stall with tarpaulin
Marquee
4 berth tent & camping help
equipment, all in
Camping, back garden
Swap houses for cheap
holiday, May -Sept
for Christmas
2 people to share
Holiday cottage,
June
Caravan, temporary
site needed
Grazing for horses

INTERIOR DESIGN

Painting & Decorating
Wallpapering
Wallpaper stripping
furniture made, restored,
stripped, painted
French polishing
Advice on décor
Murals
Marbling
Space saving design
Upholstery

**Now let your mind roam
over other categories**

TRANSPORT

**BUSINESS
OFFICE/COMPUTING
GOODS WANTED FOR
SALES OR HIRE
HEALTH & BEAUTY
TUITION
CHILDCARE
ETC**

LETS Start! OFFERS & WANTS WORKSHEET

This Worksheet and the Inspiration List (overleaf) are designed to get you thinking About what you can offer and what you may want from LETS. Both are equally important! On this section you can jot down your first ideas, and then rewrite them as "ads" for the directory entries form.

Think of 10 things you LOVE doing e.g. painting, tinkering with engines, organising Things, cooking, writing, growing plants etc. and write them down:

Now think of 10 things you'd have, which you could SHARE with others, e.g. your lawn mower, washing machine, fax, bike, tools, videos, spare room, tent, garden.etc.

Think of any item which you might wish to sell on LETS (garden produce, crafts, unwanted clothes, shoes, books, toys, equipment, bric a brac, furniture, etc).

Now think of all the things you could OFFER to the local LETS --then circle the Things you would actually be willing to offer

Now think of 20 things you would WANT from LETS -- then circle the things you dare ask for?!

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