

## 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.

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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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