



## NEWSLETTER

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## **Dear Members**

Thank you so much to everyone who responded to our recent messages – some apologizing for not being able to make the zoom - in one case because we had scheduled it during the working week...duh! Getting in touch helps us to update our membership list, increasing your chances of getting through to other members who are alive and well. If you can log into the system, update your profile, edit your Offers & Wants and upload a photo it will also help other members to find the help that they may need.

We were very nervous beforehand as to whether it would work, but our first All-Member Zoom happened successfully on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020, and we are delighted to report that eight members joined in, including Elizabeth Jackson, Mary Tibbett and Veronica Pollard – more than had attended the last official AGM in February 2018! We had a lively conversation about **Ideals** and we were so busy chatting that I forgot to take a screen-shot before we were switched off after the 40 minutes time-limit, but after a tea-break five of us reconnected and carried on with our discussion - here we are:



In case you don't recognise them, that's Barry Cash (top left), Hilary Fergus (top right), Julia Curumtally (bottom left), Cordelia Osborne (bottom right), and our zoom host Mary Fee (LETSlink) in the centre.

As I had put the wrong date for the next zoom in the reminder email, just in case anyone might show up, I tried the zoom link again on the day I had said - Sunday – and was delighted to find Andrew Nicholls had also tried the link. I told him



what we had been talking about in the previous zoom so we continued on with that and had a double session – I also did a screen share – and was able to show him around Bristol LET's online system.

One feature I was able to show on the Zoom was the page you access when you click on **Find Members**.

IB Diagrammatic, not to scale - you can ulso search and sort the <u>Member Directory</u> - ut please advise us of any errors or omissions						Northwick	BS35	Thornbury		
						BS32	BRISTOL NORTH			
			Avonmouth		Patchway	Southmead		Winterbourne	Yate BS37	
			BS11	Kingsweston	Henbury	BS10	Stoke Gifford BS34	BS36		
			Shirehampton	Weston		Horfield				
				Coombe Dingle	Westbury on Trym	Horfield	BS7	Frome Vale		
			BS20	Stoke Bishop		Bishopston	Lockleaze	Hillfields	Mangotsfield	
		Portishead	BRISTOL WEST		BSq		Eastville	Fishponds	Pucklechurch	
				Redland	St Andrews	Lawrence Hill	Soundwell	BS16		
				BS6 Cotham	Montpelier	Greenbank	BS15		BRISTOL EAST	
	BSai		Clifton	Cabot BS1	St Werburghs	Easton	Speedwell	<u>BS30</u>		
	Clevedor	1	BS8	Harbourside	BRISTOL CENTRE	BS5	Kingswood			
			Hotwells	Redcliffe	BS2	StGeorge				
		Nailsea		Southville	Victoria Park	Totterdown	Brislington BS4			
		BS48		Bedminster	Windmill Hill	Ashton BS3	Knowle	BS31		
	BS22			Bishopsworth	Hartcliffe BS13	Hengrove BS14		Keynsham		
	Weston Super Mare	BS49	Cleeve	BS41	Long Ashton	Whitehureh Park				
BS23		Con	Congresbury							
BS24	BS29		BS25	Langford	BS40	BRISTOL	BS39			
	BS26		BS27							
		BS28								

It has a link to the full membership list, which you can search and sort, but it provides short-cuts to find members in each **Postcode**, in each **Neighbourhood** and in the North, South, East, West and Central **Districts** of Bristol - these can be amended and/or developed to be useful if we are going to get help for members locally – as one of the problems that Bristol LETS has faced is that it has been too much for a small Core Group to provide all the support that's needed. So have a look at the page, and tell us what you think!

The reason for this, is trying to figure out how we can rebuild the community of Bristol LETS as we emerge from lockdown, but may still be nervous about travelling. The brightest idea that came up in our discussion was **Having a Walk in the Park!** Supposing you looked at the list, find who lives near you, how about phoning them, finding out if they are still alive and well and living in Bristol (no joke) and inviting them to a walk and a picnic! You can also create an Offer under the -**Events & Socials** category, with time, location, and any other details, giving enough notice so that the weekly listings can alert all members. During the event **Take a Photo** and send it to <a href="mailto:coregroup@bristollets.org.uk">coregroup@bristollets.org.uk</a> with a list of members – and we will send you some Ideals!

If you want to see the full details of the discussion on the zoom, we have diligently written some notes, which you can access (once logged in) - here: <a href="https://www.bristol.letslink.org/members/pages.php?id=97">www.bristol.letslink.org/members/pages.php?id=97</a>