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The general idea is to trade skills, services and goods without using real money. Because we are using an alternative currency called "**Ideals**", it's like bartering without having to do a direct swap. It's also about being part of a mutually supportive community, and gaining a huge group of very useful friends!

Bristol LETS works by means of "mutual credit". Members manage their own personal profile on the website and can register what they want to offer to each other – and what they need - and if they have received something from another member, they can log into their account and do an online transaction to pay the other member from their own balance.

Small annual fees may be charged in "**Ideals**" to support admin costs (and also vulnerable members), but no interest is charged, nor is there any stigma attached to having a negative balance, because the whole system balances to zero - and to keep it in equilibrium overall, some members will have a negative balance to match others' positive balances. The value is in 'trading', rather than being 'in profit'. However, no one is obliged to provide a service when asked, if it doesn't suit them.

All kinds of skills are traded, from the mundane to the professional: eg Cleaning, Computer Services, Storage, Shiatsu, Ironing, Baby-sitting, Tuition, Waiting for deliveries, DIY, Fixing appliances and bikes. You can also lend or borrow items such as books, tools, cars, jewellery, organic vegetables, greetings cards and clothes. We can provide a huge inspiration list for those of you who mistakenly believe you have nothing to offer. We are also hoping to organise group projects. We'd love you to join us .

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