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### What is Bristol LETS?

L.E.T.S stands for "Local Exchange Trading System". LETS schemes exist all over the world. We are a LETS scheme that covers the whole of the Bristol area though members can choose to localise to smaller districts within Bristol. We are organised primarily online, but do have face-to-face socials plus provide computer support for members who want it.

We trade skills, services and goods without needing or using real money. It's bartering without having to do a direct swap, and being part of a mutually supportive community, and gaining a huge group of very useful friends!

How does Bristol LETS work? Simply by members registering what they want to offer to each other online, then trading time and talents using an alternative currency called "*Ideals*".

No stigma about having a negative balance, and no Interest is charged. Because the whole system starts from zero, to keep it in equilibrium, some members necessarily have a negative balance to match others positive balances. The value in the system is in 'trading', not being 'in profit'.

The Standard Rate to charge is 5 Ideals per hour, though other rates can be negotiated. Members pay the Ideals to each other through the website.

No one is obliged to provide a service when asked, if it doesn't suit them.

All sorts of skills are traded, from the mundane to the professional: Cleaning, Computer Services, Storage, Shiatsu, Ironing, Baby sitting, Tuition, Waiting for deliveries, DIY, fixing appliances and bikes. You can also lend/borrow items such as books, tools and even cars.

You can also offer/find items such as jewellery, organic veg. greetings cards and clothes.

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