

Sheffield Local Exchange Trading System

Newsletter June 2017

Hello everyone and welcome to our Summer newsletter.

Sheffield LETS relaunch

On April 8th we held a relaunch event at Virgin Money in town, which was attended by 6 of us and provided a photo opportunity for the local press. You may have seen the article about us in the Sheffield Star the following week! Many thanks to Helen (668) for organising the press release and venue. Helen was also interviewed on local radio. The article has generated interest in LETS, including from people wishing to join us, which is great!

Are our emails getting through to you?

Have you recently sent us an email and not received a reply? Please do check your spam filters for messages. We will always reply to your messages, usually within a couple of days of you sending them. If you haven't heard from us, try emailing again, with a contact phone number and we'll get back to you that way. Or drop us a line at our postal address (see below).

Catherine (431)

Making LETS work for you

Are you trading regularly or are you sitting on the system hoping that someone will get in touch? To be successful does require some effort to make contact with other members. This is probably best achieved face to face at one of the trading events. Trades can be arranged between both parties. Otherwise use the list of members with their phone number and email on the website.

Over the last few months I have spent my stones on regular piano lessons and earned them by cleaning an oven, helping with decluttering, giving a lift to the station. I have other offers such as sewing and would consider most requests. You can also earn stones by helping to run the system. For instance going a short talk about the system.

If you need help to get trading give me a call. Maggie (582)

Can you help us increase our membership?

We are looking for new members to join the Scheme. With more members we can build a variety of skills offered and hopefully share out some of the tasks the Co-ordinating Team have been doing for some years. Now we have gone online we hope that LETS is more attractive especially to younger people who seem to do everything online nowadays.

With this in mind I am looking for members who would be willing to talk about Sheffield LETS and their experience to other groups which they belong to. We can provide the publicity cards and the welcome leaflet which answers most queries.

If you would like me to do the talk and you can provide the date and venue let me know.

If you can't help in this way, but would be able to distribute some of our publicity cards in your area (e.g. in local shops, cafes, libraries, churches etc.), do let us know - we have plenty to give away.

Maggie (582)

Are you on Facebook? Check out our Facebook page!

Since Sheffield LETS relaunched in April we have introduced a new and improved Sheffield LETS Facebook page. This is a public space which we are using to publicise the system in general to increase awareness and membership and to advertise trading events. We would like individual members to Like the page and share it with your friends. Also as an option members could post items about their experiences. Remember it is probably safer to anonymise your comments.

As an administrator I receive weekly updates on the number of views and likes.

Maggie (582)

Events

We are aiming to hold events about once a month, usually at the Blue Moon cafe in town on a Saturday afternoon. The cafe is next to the cathedral and is wheelchair accessible. You can sample a range of refreshments, bring small items to trade and meet other LETS members. The cafe has wifi, so if you bring your phone, tablet or laptop, you can input your trades there and then, and members of the Co-ordinating Team will be on hand to help if you're not yet familiar with using our web-based system. New members especially welcome!

Our next events are as follows:

Saturday June 17th 3pm-4.30pm Trading/Social event at the Blue Moon Cafe

Please let us know by Wednesday 14th if you plan to join us, so we can book a table.

Saturday July 15th at 2.15pm-3.45pm Open Forum at St. Mary's Community Hall, South Road, Walkley

You are warmly invited to join us at our annual Open Forum meeting. Come and find out what's been happening over the past year. Bring small items to trade. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you fancy doing some baking (e.g. flapjacks, biscuits) to share, please let us know.

At this meeting we will be proposing (and hopefully agreeing) a new constitution, based on advice from LETSlinkUK. Do come and be part of this discussion.

Catherine (431)

Next Newsletter: Autumn 2017

Deadline for inclusions: Friday August 25th

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