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INFORMATION SHEET

MONEY SAVINGS TIPS - 2

Introduction

In our first of Money Saving Tips Information Sheet we looked at some of the ways to use the Internet to save money.

Now we will look at some more ways the Internet can save you money and possibly turn a few of your own no longer needed items into cash.

Buy used rather than new

Preloved

<http://www.preloved.co.uk>

Gumtree

<http://www.gumtree.com>

Both these websites are a modern update on the old 'Exchange and Mart' magazine idea. You can look for things on sale locally or nationally – depending on how far you are happy to travel to pick up your bargain.

Note: This is also a good way of selling unwanted items and making a little extra cash! Remember most people will expect you to collect items and probably want payment in cash.

How much do you pay for petrol or diesel?

Anyone who drives a vehicle knows just how expensive they are to run! BUT you do now find more variation in local petrol prices as supermarkets try and undercut each other.

The easiest way to find the cheapest forecourt in your area for petrol, diesel or LPG is by comparing prices at the free petrol comparative website - PetrolPrices.com.

Not only do they show you where to go to get the cheapest local prices - but also a map of the location of the petrol station and how to get there.

NOTE: You do need to register details with petrolprices.com to use the petrol locator but once registered you can use it to find where to get the cheapest petrol to where you are at anytime.

Once registering you just enter your current postcode and say how far you're willing to travel (2, 5, 10, 15 or 20 miles) and the website shows you the cheapest petrol stations in your area on that day.

A quick check online before you need to fill up should be enough to save you cash.

Register at www.petrolprices.com.

Saving money – the Scrimping way!

Years ago this was called being 'thrifty' - now we call it 'scrimping'.

Essentially, its about saving money by spending less!

The Channel 4 TV series has made 'scrimping' more popular and they have a website with lots of advice and tips on being thrifty.

The site is also good for finding some of the latest 'voucher' offers from high street retailers.

See www.superscrimpers.com.

Money Saving Websites

Martin's Money Tips

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>

This website is packed with ideas and ways to save money.

The only downside is that the website can look a little busy and cluttered but don't let that put you off! There 's lots of good free advice to be had here!

They also produce a free weekly newsletter that comes to you as an email.

They signpost to the very latest vouchers, offers and retail discounts, banking, energy offers and loads more!

The newsletter comes out weekly and once signed up to get it you will automatically be sent a copy every week to your email address.

Piggy Bank

<http://www.piggy-bank.org.uk/>

Another free money saving tips and ideas website.

Includes signposting to bargain clothing, car loans, energy saving, etc