

LETS WASP

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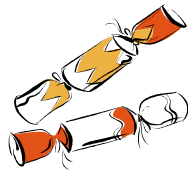
Perhaps you have seen the posters, leaflets and newspaper reports about a group called Lets Wasp. In case you are not sure what this is all about, I am writing this article to explain what we do. We are the Local Exchange Trading Scheme for Wigton, Aspatria, and the Solway Plain.

Local Exchange Trading Schemes exist to build community self-help. People who do not have much money or time to do all the things they want to, can find help in the group. Others, who wish to give something to the community, or make something that others might like to use, can do so through LETS. We use a local currency instead of cash. Vouchers are paid to each other instead of cash. Such an alternative currency can work perfectly well alongside, or together with money. There are thousands of LETS around the world. Penrith, Kendal and Carlisle have their own.

Of course Cumbria has a long history of community spirit and helping one another. It could be said that it is what Cumbrians do best. Yet the world is changing, and Cumbria is not untouched by that change. Many mothers and fathers go out to work, so getting around to the caring and shopping, mending and ironing etc. can be a problem. We work long hours, and may not be able to fit in all the gardening or DIY tasks. Materials and labour have become so expensive, that many of us just do without necessary repairs, for as long as possible!

Young or elderly, rich or poor, with or without learning or physical difficulties, we can all feel excluded from society for one reason or another. A LETS group can make all the difference. There is a chance to be valued for our skills, to find someone who needs what we can provide, or to get things done that we need, without getting into debt. It can even provide an opportunity to test out a business idea, or market a craft or produce, with little or no cash outlay. And a super way to make friends!

Not sure if this might be for you? Why not come along to one of our social events, or tea and trade mornings? There is no obligation to join. We advertise events by leaflets or posters in the local area, or you can telephone for details: Mrs Astrid Goddard 016973 23059



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