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Save over 50% on your next train ticket

Stop buying your train tickets at the station and start making massive savings and lots of loyalty points.

New website Redspottedhanky.com has made buying tickets online simple and stress free. The website allows you to search for times and fares quickly and easily, helping you to find great deals for all UK rail journeys and UK Train Operators. You won't get charged any booking or delivery fees (except for next day delivery) and can use your credit or debit card without being charged for the privilege (which gets a big thumbs up in our books!). What's more, every time you book tickets through Redspottedhanky.com you'll earn special loyalty points that can be used to knock money off the cost of future tickets.

On average Redspottedhanky customers save an incredible 51% compared with buying their tickets at the station on the day of travel. The website has also just launched a special corporate site for business travellers and companies making travel easier and cheaper for professionals on the go. You can find out more about that [right here](#).



Save up to 90% on hearing aids

Pay less for the best at HearingDirect.com

HearingDirect.com is the website to go to for quality, state-of-the-art hearing aids. The average cost of buying a hearing aid on the high street is a pricey £1,100 per ear, but at HearingDirect.com you'll get up to 90% off - pretty incredible her?!

You can visit HearingDirect.com right now for a free online hearing check which will establish if you may benefit from a hearing aid. The hearing check is fast and simple to use and can be completed from the comfort of your own home. Give it a go today and then make the most of your amazing discounts.

NEXT STEP: Click on HearingDirect.com

SEE ALSO: [Perks for the over 60s](#)





Be Paid for your Opinion at PanelBase.net

You can make extra money just by sitting at your computer and filling out a few online surveys in your spare time.

There are websites that will pay you just for your opinions. You can make regular money, (probably around £20-30 a month) for very little effort. Every now and then you'll have the opportunity to win some amazing prizes.

There are plenty of online survey sites to choose from but one of our favourites is definitely [PanelBase.net](#). Not only do they pay up to £10 per survey but there's also the chance to be entered into prize draws where you can win some really luxurious goodies.

[Panelbase.net](#) has also launched survey opportunities through mobiles (SMS and WAP) in which members are paid a 50p reward to answer a handful of questions via their mobiles – there is no charge to you for the phone call. Remember to create a separate email account just for this so that your main email account doesn't get inundated with spam.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Panelbase](#)

The logo for Panelbase.net features the word 'Panelbase' in a bold, sans-serif font. 'Panel' is in red and 'base' is in orange. The '.net' part is in a smaller, grey font. A small black dot is positioned below the 'a' in 'base'.

Up to 75% off prescription glasses

Save a fortune online at [Spex4Less.com](#)

If you wear glasses you're no doubt well aware just how pricey frames and lenses can be. With the average high street pair costing over £140, they're an expensive necessity that lots of us just can't do without.

But at [Spex4Less.com](#) you can get the glasses you've always wanted for a fraction of what you'd normally pay on the high street. The website provides high quality prescription glasses, top brand designer glasses and specialist sports glasses at up to 75% off their usual high street price, PLUS they throw in lots of bonus goodies with each order.

All Spex4Less glasses come with FREE custom made prescription lenses, a FREE carry case and cleaning cloth, a FREE anti-scratch formula, a 12 month durability guarantee and a 100% money back guarantee.

NEXT STEP: Visit [Spex4less](#) today

SEE ALSO: [Bag a bargain on us](#)

The logo for Spex4Less features a stylized blue eye graphic above the text 'SPEX4LESS' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below the text is the website address 'www.spex4less.com' in a smaller, blue font.



Free cash for your old mobile phone

Swap your mobile phone for cash at [Mazuma Mobile](#) – they've made it so easy!

Recycling your old or broken mobile phone is a brilliant way to make some extra cash whilst doing your bit for the environment.

[Mazuma Mobile](#) is the UK's leading mobile phone recycling website. They've paid out over £96 million to customers so far and if you haven't heard of them it's high time that you did!

Simply visit their [website here](#), type in the model of your phone, get an instant quote and then register your sale by entering a few simple details. It really is that easy, and they'll pay you by cheque, Argos vouchers or a same day bank transfer – the choice is yours.

NEXT STEP: Visit the [Mazuma Mobile](#) website now

SEE ALSO: [How to live on half your salary](#)



Be Paid to Shop

It may sound too good to be true but you can make money from shopping with cashback sites.

When you buy a product through a cashback site they will give you some money back. Some sites like [Cashback shopper](#) and [Ecashback](#) will even give you money just for signing up with them.

Many cashback sites will also reward you for getting your friends involved. This can be a really easy way to make extra cash.

So if one of your friends wants to buy something big soon, get them on to these sites through (your referral) and make some extra money for yourself.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Cashback Sites](#)

SEE ALSO: [Getting money for Free](#)





FREE Money For Your Kids

Did you know you can save money for your children's futures just by shopping online?

Kidstart is a new type of cashback site that will put up to 20% of the price of each of your online purchases into your child's Trust Fund, or into their savings account. In fact, anyone can do it – grandparents, aunts, uncles, even friends can elect to have their cashback put into their favourite child's account.

Kidstart has done deals with sites like Expedia, Marks and Spencer and even the Apple Store, so you can make money on your purchases with them.

All you've got to do is register at **Kidstart** and use the links on their page. It's a great way to invest in your children's future even if you think you don't have any money to save.

NEXT STEP: Click on **KidStart**

SEE ALSO: **Child finance**



Cheaper Petrol

Pay less for petrol with free comparison site **Petrolprices**.

Don't waste your time, money and petrol driving from garage to garage to find lower prices.

Simply register with **Petrolprices** and you can compare petrol costs in your area at absolutely no charge. They update the rates daily and cover all the petrol stations in the UK.

All you need to do is create a free **Petrolprices** account by filling in your details and you will get 20 price searches a week to help you find the best deals.

It will be quite an eye-opener to see how different the prices are in different garages. On some days the site can save you up to 14p a litre.

NEXT STEP: Click on **Petrolprices**

SEE ALSO: **Commute for less**





Make up to £300 Per Month From Your Driveway

Do you have a driveway or garage?

Rent it out by the day or even the year and make yourself some serious cash.

Register for free at [Park Let](#) or [Parkatmyhouse](#) to find people waiting to park at your postcode.

All you have to do is put your postcode and details of the space on the sites and wait for eager parkers to get in touch with you.

You choose when and for how long you rent your space. It can be rented for an entire year if you never use it.

You could capitalise on any special events in your area, such as games at your local football ground, and rent your drive or garage for just a few hours.

It's free money!

NEXT STEP: Click on [Park Let](#) , [Parkatmyhouse](#)

SEE ALSO: [Rent it if you've got it!](#)



Get paid £40-£100 for your opinion!

Want to get paid just for giving your opinion on the latest products?

Then you're in luck – consumer website [Code 3 Research](#) is after people aged 16 or over to attend market research events.

It's a fun and easy way to make quick cash – you get paid to give your views on \ anything from chocolate to furniture to mobile phones... the list is endless!

The sessions can be quite fun, and you can typically expect to be paid **£40 for two hours** (though you can often earn more). Not bad money for simply chatting to other people about a product! Simply [register online](#) at Code 3's website - it's quick, easy and completely free.

NEXT STEP: Register to Code 3 Research [here](#)

SEE ALSO: [10 ways to make quick cash](#)





Get smart with your energy and start saving cash

Cut the cost of your energy bills with the **SmartEnergy Kit** from AlertMe.

This incredible little device shows you exactly where all the energy in your house is being used (or wasted), helping you to identify where you can start to save.

It can be used online or even on your smart phone, and will predict your monthly energy expenditure as well as provide you with personalised tips to help protect your pocket - clever hey! This is one investment you won't regret making. [Find out more here.](#)

NEXT STEP: Find out more about the **SmartEnergy Kit** [here](#)

SEE ALSO: [How to save £450 a year by switching](#)



Get free cash to spend at Boots through Treat Street

You can clock up points on your Boots Advantage Card like there's no tomorrow by shopping at Boots' new website **Treat Street**.

The website is like an online high street with fifty of your favourite brands including ASOS, Thomas Cook, Wallis, Lego and eBay. Use the site to buy what you were going to get anyway, and for every purchase you'll get Advantage Card points.

As you can buy bigger things on **Treat Street** than you would in Boots (such as electronics or holidays) you'll soon be earning stack loads of points. (You get at least 1 point for every £1 you spend).

What's more, the site also has a whole section of offers and sales from all the merchants that's updated every day.

NEXT STEP: Go to **Treat Street** to start earning those points.

SEE ALSO: [Discover more exciting bargains](#)





FREE Laptop, Wii or PS3

Carphone Warehouse is offering these freebies with select monthly mobile phone contracts.

Even if you don't need a laptop, pick up the contract and then sell it on eBay to make a nice profit.

It could even cover the cost of your mobile phone contract for the year.

Alternatively get a Nintendo Wii plus Wii Fit Plus, a PS3 Slim plus Playstation Move or choose from loads of other goodies.

NEXT STEP: [Click on Carphone Warehouse](#)

SEE ALSO: [Bag a bargain on use](#)



Sell Your Photos

Make money out of your photos through online photo agencies

Different agencies are looking for different kinds of photos. For example, [Picturenation](#) wants spontaneous photos of ordinary people at the workplace, and pictures of modern life.

[Fotolia](#) wants upbeat and lively photos of people, emotions and the workplace.

You might only make a few pounds to start with, but once your photos are uploaded they are available for purchase and to generate commissions for you forever.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Picturenation](#), [Fotolia](#)

SEE ALSO: [10 easy ways to make quick cash](#)





Products from Amazon at half-price or less

Discover the best offers in the click of a button

We all know [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) has some brilliant bargains – the trouble is, it's such a massive site that many of the best buys are hidden away.

Luckily, [Price Cut Review](#) trawls through Amazon so you don't have to, and automatically highlights the best offers (at least 50% off the RRP). It's all sorted into categories for you, so it's well worth a browse to see if there is anything you need that you could get for a lot less.

Delivery is free for orders of £5 or more. [Amazon](#) is especially good for bargain books, and mega cheap if you want to buy albums or singles in MP3 format – you can buy top albums for as little as £3 and singles for less than 60p!

NEXT STEP: Go to [Price Cut Review](#) to start shopping

SEE ALSO: [Best money saving websites](#)

PriceCutReview
Finds the Amazon items at half price or less!

Save \$\$\$'s on Your Currency Exchange

If you're going abroad for your holiday this year make sure you get the best deal with your travel money.

As with anything, do shop around for the best rates and never change your money at the airport or from your tour operator - they have the worst deals around.

[Travelex](#) is a great website to check out as they claim to offer the best exchange rates on the market. And if you happen to find a better deal elsewhere, Travelex promise to refund you the difference.

Not only that but you don't even have to leave the house to get your money. If you pre-order your currency online at Travelex you can have it delivered to you, or pick it up at one of their airport outlets just before you fly off to spend it.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Travelex](#)

SEE ALSO: [Best money saving travel websites](#)





Save up to 80% on designer clothes

Looking stylish has never been so affordable

There are plenty of ways you can bag yourself designer items at a fraction of their usual price – you just need to know where to look.

Sign yourself up to members only websites like [Cocosa](#) and [Brand Alley](#) who both sell designer pieces at up to 70% off. Brand Alley will even pay you £10 just for referring a friend who then goes on to buy something.

If designer labels aren't really your thing check out [Absolutevintage.co.uk](#) and [Marthascloset.co.uk](#) for gorgeous vintage clothes and accessories minus the hefty price tag.

NEXT STEP: [Click on Top 10 money saving fashion websites](#)

SEE ALSO: [How to save 80% on designer clothes](#)



£5 M&S Voucher for FREE

Get FREE Marks and Spencer vouchers in exchange for old clothes and soft furnishings.

Take your old M&S clothes and soft furnishings (e.g. curtains, bed linen, towels) to any Oxfam store and they'll give you a free £5 M&S voucher. Spend £35 in M&S on clothing, homeware or beauty products and you can use your voucher to get £5 off.

Cunning tip: To get more money off, you could donate your M&S clothes one at a time getting a voucher for every donation.

You have to spend £35 per voucher, it's great for frequent M&S shoppers, or better still why not dish them out to your mates as a pressies.

NEXT STEP: [Click on The M&S and Oxfam Clothes Exchange](#)

SEE ALSO: [50 ways to save money by being green](#)





FREE Credit Check - Fix Your Finances

Can't get approved for a credit card?

Find out what the banks and other lenders think of you.

Correct any mistakes or inaccuracies concerning your financial situation.

You can discover and start improving your credit score; that's what financial companies use to decide whether to lend you money or not.

Get a free credit check from Experian.

You get the first 30 days for free and there's no obligation to remain a subscriber (at £6.99 a month). They even provide advice on improving your credit record.

So sign up for FREE and check out your credit report. Just remember to unsubscribe before the 30 days are up.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Experian](#)

SEE ALSO: [How to clean up your credit record](#)



MAKE £2000 a Year by Sitting in Your Car!

You can make hundreds of pounds a month by putting an advert on your car.

Just register your car or van with a company such as [Money4Space.com](#) or [Comm-motion](#), and earn money driving around showing the advert off.

The amount you make will depend on how much of your car is branded, the type of advertising being put onto it, and in some cases how far you drive.

Contracts last between 3 and 12 months and you will generally be paid either monthly or quarterly.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Money4Space](#) and [Comm-motion](#)

SEE ALSO: [10 easy ways to make quick cash](#)





Make Money by Driving to Work

Save or even make money by doing a car share.

If you have a car and you drive to work, register with one of the car-sharing websites like [Carshare](#), [Nationalcarshare](#), [Liftshare](#) or [Carpooling](#).

You can share petrol costs with a passenger. If you have more than one passenger you can save them money on transport AND make a bit on the side yourself.

You can also do a car share for one-off journeys like Manchester to Edinburgh or Birmingham to St Ives.

If you don't have a car it's worth checking the sites for a cheaper way to get to work or visit your family.

Sharing the petrol costs like this can be even cheaper than the train or plane.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Carshare](#), [Nationalcarshare](#), [Liftshare](#) or [Carpooling](#)
SEE ALSO: [Alternatives to owning a car](#)



FREE Shopping

If you love to shop till you drop, mystery shopping is the perfect way to earn some cash on the side and get free meals, free hotel stays and free drinks in pubs.

The hours are really flexible, you work when you want to and all you have to do is tell the company about your shopping experience.

You get paid once they receive your review and you could earn anything from £6 to £20 an hour with your spare time.

Sign up with an agency like [Grass Roots](#) or [JKS Mystery Shopping](#). However, avoid any dodgy agencies that ask you to pay them any money to register - that should be free!

You don't need any previous experience - but you must be reliable, honest and have good English.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Grass Roots](#) or [JKS Mystery Shopping](#)
SEE ALSO: [Mystery shopping: get paid to shop and eat out](#)





Save £680 On Your Food Bill

Did you know that you could fill 12 double decker buses with the amount of apples we throw away everyday in Britain?

The average family could save £680 a year by:

- 1) only buying as much food as they need
- 2) using everything they buy

The website [Love Food Hate Waste](#) has loads of information on how to stop wasting money on food.

There are tips on how to store food to make it last longer so it doesn't go off before you've had time to use it.

They've also got recipes for turning odds and ends into sumptuous meals.

Plus there are guides to portion sizes to prevent you from buying too much in the first place.

NEXT STEP: [Click on Restaurant Vouchers & 2for1 meal deals](#)

SEE ALSO: [The Moneymagpie Food Blog](#)



Slash the Cost of Phone Calls

Get cheaper phone calls without the hassle of changing providers.

There are companies that offer massive discounts on international, landline and mobile calls.

For cheap international calls direct from your mobile try Rebtel. They offer competitive calling rates to 196 different countries, and whilst it takes a bit of time to get your head around the process, it's well worth doing.

Also remember that if you've got broadband you can make phone calls via the internet for free. Skype is a must for internet calls, so take the time to look it over.

NEXT STEP: [Click on Rebtel and Skype](#)

SEE ALSO: [10 ways to save on your phone bills](#)





Up to 75% off moving home

Save money when moving home (or moving anything!)

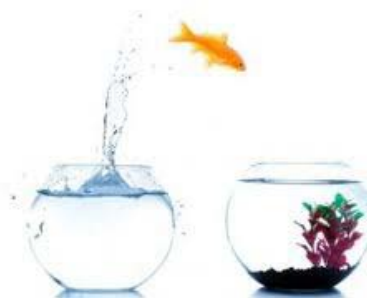
We all know how expensive moving home or just shifting goods can be – but there's no need to get ripped off by the white van man.

Head to delivery auction site AnyVan.com where you can get up to a whopping 75% off furniture delivery.

Create a free advert and then watch as loads of rated delivery companies compete with each other to offer you the lowest price. You simply choose your favourite and save money – simple!

NEXT STEP: Go to the AnyVan.com site, create your free listing and save some serious cash on your next move.

SEE ALSO: [Special home improvement tips revealed](#)



50% OFF Restaurant Meals

If you fancy a great night out in a fancy restaurant you could get up to 50% off by booking in advance through sites like Toptable and 5pm.

They have lots of different offers all over the country. You can get free bottles of wine, champagne cocktails and taster menus at huge reductions as well as entire meals at half price.

Also, if you've got a [Young Person's Railcard](#) you automatically get enough points for a free meal on Toptable. All you've got to do is register using the link on the Young Person's Railcard page and they'll automatically credit your account.

Toptable are also running a competition at the moment to win free laser eye surgery worth £4,500. Just fill in your details and you'll be entered into the draw.

NEXT STEP: Click on Toptable and [5pm](#)

SEE ALSO: [Half Price Restaurant Deals](#)





Don't miss out on the best deals

Sign up for FREE to the Moneymagpie **Bargain Alert** today

There are great offers and bargains springing up all the time – but it's all too easy to miss the best ones.

Make that a thing of the past by signing up for FREE to our **Bargain Alert**.

It's completely free and there's absolutely no spam (you can unsubscribe at any time). We just send you one email a week packed full of exclusive bargains, discounts and special offers. Why spend your precious time trawling the web and high street for bargains when someone else can do all the hard work for you?

Trust us – you don't want to miss out!

NEXT STEP: [Click her to sign up for our bargain alert](#)

SEE ALSO: [Bag a bargain on us](#)

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FOR A RICHER LIFE

Save £££'s on Batteries

Use rechargeable batteries to save money and the planet.

They do cost a little more than normal ones on the initial purchase, and you need to buy a charger. But after that you will be quids-in.

For every throwaway battery a rechargeable one can be used around a thousand times so you can save hundreds of pounds in the long-run.

Make sure you go for a larger capacity battery (e.g. 2700 milliamp hours or mAh) as it won't need charging as often, and look on Amazon for some really good bargains.

If you're not keen on buying rechargeable batteries then go for the Battery Regenerator from Souvenir Cranwell. This great gadget restores the capacity of normal batteries (AA and AAA) by up to 90%, and can regenerate a battery up to 100 times!

NEXT STEP: Click on [Amazon](#) and [Battery Regenerator](#)

SEE ALSO: [Save £468 by switching your energy supplier](#)





SAVE £££'s on Car Costs

Great alternatives to owning a car.

If you're fed up with forking out for insurance, parking permits and maintenance then you can save money by using an on-demand rental service like [Streetcar](#) or [Zipcar](#). These companies rent out cars and vans by the hour, day, week or month. Unlike a normal rental company, the cars and vans are located in residential areas, so all you've got to do is go online, find your nearest one and (with luck!) walk over to it within 10 minutes.

An hour's rental costs around £5, so you can use the car for running errands, going food shopping or any other quick task that you really need a car for.

When you're finished, you just park it back where it was – no need to pay for insurance, parking or road tax.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Zipcar](#), [Streetcar](#)

SEE ALSO: [Make money from your driveway](#)



FREE Birthday and Greetings Cards

Free cards for all occasions.

There are loads of websites which will send free e-cards on your behalf.

Or for something a little more special take a look at the gorgeous e-cards designed by [Jacquie Lawson](#). A yearly membership costs just £7.25 and allows you to send any e-card on the site as many times as you like.

Perfect for wedding invitations or if you're planning a large gathering.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Jacquie Lawson](#)

SEE ALSO: [Get your post delivered](#) and [50 ways to live for free](#)





Unclaimed Property Bargains



Need a new bike or fancy some jewellery?

Get your hands on a bargain at a police auction where you can bid on unclaimed stolen or confiscated items that need a new home.

Visit [Bumblebeeauctions](#) - several police stations across the country use it to auction off unclaimed property.

There are loads of savings to be made and many items are in great condition so take a look. All kinds of items are sold on [Bumblebeeauctions](#) but bicycles in particular often sell for well under the market value.

Once you've bagged your bargain make a profit by selling it on eBay. eBid claims they don't charge a listing fee so are also well worth a look.

Why not use it to find bargains that you can sell on for a profit.

NEXT STEP: Click on [eBay](#) and [eBid](#)

SEE ALSO: [Lost Luggage](#)

Half Price Wedding

The average wedding now costs over £21,000!

Who can afford to pay that?! Not us, that's for sure, which is why we've found lots of ways to cut costs without compromising on quality.

Marks and Spencer, Debenhams and BHS all stock stunning wedding dresses for a fraction of what you'd expect to pay, and if you like designer clobber see Debenhams.

For beautiful jewellery visit the online auction site Coloured Rocks, and for delicious wedding cakes starting from just £12, see M&S.

NEXT STEP: Click on [M&S](#), [BHS](#) and [Debenhams](#)

SEE ALSO: [Celebrity inspired weddings....on a shoe string](#)





Luxury beauty products on the cheap

Enjoy massive discounts and exciting freebies at our favourite beauty websites

Go to FeelUnique.com and save yourself an absolute fortune on designer beauty products for the face, body and hair. All orders include free worldwide delivery so you only need to worry about the price tag. 'There are thousands of incredible treatments up for grabs, from many of the world's most famous beauty experts.'

For perfume and aftershave look no further than Halfpriceperfumes.co.uk and Cheapsmells.com where you'll save up to 60% on some of the loveliest scents around.

NEXT STEP: Click on FeelUnique.com

SEE ALSO: [Top ten money-saving beauty websites](#)



Make money in one simple step

Could you do with more cash but just don't have the time to make it?

Then take 10 seconds out of your life to [sign up to our newsletter](#).

It's a 100% free weekly email that will make you money with:

- Money making tips
- Money saving guides
- Exclusive offers and discounts

"Jasmine is the secret anyone wanting to make or save money needs to know about. She is a treasure trove of information, expertise and advice."

Doug Richards, Original Dragon

NEXT STEP: [Sign up for free here](#)

SEE ALSO: [10 ways to make quick cash](#)





FREE Live Shows

Get some free entertainment by going to see TV shows for absolutely nothing.

You can be in the audience for free shows, tours and live events. Just go to the [BBC tickets](#) page to sign up for free tickets.

Another great site is [Lost in TV](#) where you can apply for tickets to other TV network shows like Who Wants To Be A Millionaire and The Paul O'Grady Show.

Add yourself to their mailing list to receive updates on forthcoming shows.

NEXT STEP: Click on [BBC tickets](#) and [Lost in TV](#)

SEE ALSO: [Cheap entertainment ideas](#)



Sneaky Discounts on Holidays, Gadgets, Books and More

Get online discounts by checking out sites like [Voucherheaven](#) and [MyVoucherCodes](#).

They'll give you promotional codes that online sites are running and, although occasionally unreliable, they can really come up trumps with great discounts for sites like [Expedia](#), [Amazon](#) and [Hotels.com](#).

These codes don't always work first time, so be persistent!

You may need to enter a special code, but sometimes you just go straight to the website in question, and the discount is there for all to see.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Voucherheaven](#) and [myvoucherCodes](#)

SEE ALSO: [How to cut your holiday costs](#)





Make up to £600 a month propagating seedlings

Are you handy in the garden? Do you have a decent-sized greenhouse?

You could make £100s a month by propagating seedlings and then selling them at local car boot sales.

Get cheap plant pots by going to a local nursery and offering to take some of their used ones off their hands. Many have hundreds of them lying around and might hand you a wheelbarrow-full for a tenner.

Go for cheaper seeds like Foxgloves that sell well but cost little to produce. Propagate them in your greenhouse until they are big enough to sell.

Then you can either find a pitch at a car boot sale or go direct to local shops and garages to offer them trays to sell. If you undercut the price charged by local gardening shops you will do well.

NEXT STEP: [Click on Propagating Seedlings](#)

SEE ALSO: [10 ways to make money from your garden](#)



FREE Travel Accommodation

Couch Surfing and House-swapping are great ways to save lots of money on holiday.

Once you have registered at [Couchsurfing.com](#) you can search for people all over the world who are willing to let you stay on their couch, or in their spare bed, for absolutely nothing!

You choose where to stay and who to stay with. It's a great way to save pots of money and meet new people.

House-swapping is a great idea if you've got a big family and need extra space. The swap usually lasts 2-4 weeks and neither you nor the person you're swapping with hands over any money. To get involved visit Home Exchange.

NEXT STEP: [Click on Home Exchange](#)

SEE ALSO: [How to cut your holiday costs](#)





Up to 20% Discount on Plumbing and Insulation

Summer is a good time to get plumbing or insulation work done.

In the middle of winter, when there's a big freeze and your boiler goes wrong or you need insulation, plumbers and other workers will be in demand, and therefore more expensive.

During summer plumbers and insulators tend to be less busy and more willing to negotiate on price.

So if you know that your boiler needs a service or may even need mending or replacing, get in touch with at least three specialists to see what deal they could offer.

It's also worth finding out if your local council has an 'approved list' of suppliers.

NEXT STEP: [Click on Special home improvement tips revealed](#)

SEE ALSO: [How to save money and energy](#)



FREE Food (for the Bold)

Fancy nabbing some tasty food for free?

Supermarkets throw away around 5% of their food every day simply because it has past it's sell by date.

If you don't mind getting your hands dirty, have a go at being a 'Freegan' and dig deep into supermarket bins to get perfectly good food for absolutely nothing.

You may think it's unhygienic, but most of this food is pre-packaged and protected from any unsanitary substances.

Be wary of fish or meat products, but bread, cake, dry foods and many dairy products that are packaged can be quite safe to eat after their sell-by-dates.

Not all supermarkets have these bins and others may stop you delving into them.

But if you thrive on a challenge, have a go at Freeganism and you can get some great food without paying a penny.

NEXT STEP: [Click on 50 ways to live for free](#)

SEE ALSO: [50 ways to save money and the planet](#)





Save Petrol by Being Smooth

Save on petrol – and help the planet – by changing the way you drive.

If you stop and start a lot, break suddenly and generally drive in a jerky way, you will be using more petrol than you need to.

A car consumes the most petrol when it accelerates, according to the law of physics (force equals mass times acceleration), but when it's moving it doesn't need much to keep going.

So by keeping your driving technique smooth and not braking all the time, you keep your speed without having to accelerate.

This is the most efficient way to save petrol giving you 10% - 20% more mileage, which means significant savings, given the price of petrol now.

NEXT STEP: [Click on Alternatives to owning a car](#)

SEE ALSO: [Bag a bargain on us](#)



33% OFF Rail Fares

Two out of every three Britons qualify for a railcard.

They cost £26 for the year. If you're 16-25, or a mature student, use the 16-25's Railcard and get a third off all rail fares across Britain.

If you're over 60, holiday any time you like with the Senior Railcard and receive a third off all standard and first class train fares across Britain.

For groups travelling with children make sure you have a Family and Friends Railcard. With it you can get 1/3 off your fare and as much as 60% off kids' fares for up to four kids.

The children don't even need to be relatives, so you could be travelling with your friends' children and still get the discount.

NEXT STEP: Click on [16-15's railcard](#), [senior's railcard](#), [family and friends railcard](#)

SEE ALSO: [Cheap train tickets- transport for less](#)

1/3 OFF RAIL TRAVEL



SAVE £100's on your Way to Work

By riding a bike to work instead of driving or using public transport you can save hundreds of pounds in petrol or train fares.

Not only that but you don't need to bother with that gym membership either.

It's also much better for the environment and you can even grab yourself a cheap second hand bike at police auction sites like [Bumblebeeauctions](#) or on eBay.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Bumblebeeauctions](#), [eBay](#)

SEE ALSO: [Cut the cost of your gym membership](#)



Cash Back For Late Trains



Claim what is rightfully yours!

Have the train companies compensate you for delays.

If your train arrives more than an hour late because of delays, you are entitled to a minimum of 20% on the cost of the ticket. This is usually paid in National Rail travel vouchers.

If trains are delayed by more than two hours you should try claiming for a full refund.

To make a claim you can either use a form obtained at the station, or one from the train on which the delay occurs.

Alternatively you can write your own letter of complaint to the appropriate service provider (Virgin, etc). Attach copies (not originals) of your tickets as proof of purchase.

If you have a travel or Oyster card make sure you check out the two websites below too.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Mytubewaslate.com](#) and [Trainedelays.co.uk](#)

TrainDelays.co.uk



Save £££'s on Holiday Insurance

Go online for the best holiday insurance deals.

Never go for the insurance deal offered by your tour operator, it will almost certainly be one of the most expensive deals around.

Spend just 15 minutes comparing travel insurance deals and you can get the cheapest deal for your needs

And if you go away more than once a year don't forget to check the annual and multi-trip policy prices.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Compare travel insurance deals](#) now

SEE ALSO: [Make sure you're covered with travel insurance](#)



Save £££'s on Electricity and Light Bulbs

Save £600+ over the lifetime of energy-saving light bulbs when you use them throughout your house.

Eco light bulbs cost a little more than traditional ones but they use 80% less electricity to run for the same amount of light.

These days energy-saving bulbs come in all shapes and sizes so you can use them in every room.

[Amazon](#) is selling energy saving lightbulbs from as little as 99p and [IKEA](#), [Ryssen](#) and [B&Q](#) are also good places to try.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Energy Saving Lightbulbs](#)

SEE ALSO: [Switch energy provider and save up to £468](#)





Reduce your Food Bill Improve your Health

By cutting down on your meat intake you can lower both your cholesterol levels and your food bill.

There are oodles of great vegetarian alternatives to meat that will cost you much less and still taste fantastic (no, really!)

Beans and pulses are top nutrition, and dead good for bulking up a meal. They're also a Brucey bargain, and can be used to make yummy soups and curries.

Try the [Love Food Hate Waste](#) and [eighth-day](#) for loads of great recipes. If you can't live without meat then use your freezer more. Pick up meat that is marked down because it's near its sell-by date and freeze it for later.

NEXT STEP: Click on [Love Food Hate Waste, eighth-day](#)

SEE ALSO: [Sarah Lockett – Moneymagpie's resident food expert](#)



Make money from competitions

Your chances are better than you might think!

We know what you're thinking, what's the point in entering competitions when your chances of winning are so slim? Well as the saying goes 'you gotta be in it to win it,' and your chances are often a lot better than you might have thought. There are lots of competitions out there that get surprisingly few entries, leaving the door wide open for you to swoop in and bag some serious prizes.

[Prime Prizes](#) is a great site to get started on, and has proven to be a real Moneymagpie favourite over the last few months. They have a fantastic range of goodies up for grabs and the entry process is nice and easy.

If you like the idea of trying your luck with online competitions we strongly recommend that you set up a separate email account. This will prevent your personal account from being flooded with competition related spam which can be very annoying!

NEXT STEP: Click on [How to make money from competitions](#)

SEE ALSO: [Best money making websites](#)

