

## Street SwapShop Guide for Street Parties

Promoting acts of neighbourly kindness

### Getting started

The Street SwapShop is full of ideas to help you to mix, do things together at the street party and to keep in touch afterwards. It will also help encourage a spirit of sharing and re-using things within your community.

- You can identify things you already do for your neighbours, like feeding pets, watering plants and taking in parcels.
- Look at things you are willing to do for neighbours in need.
- What do you want a hand with from time to time, that you can ask neighbours for help and support with.

You probably do some things already, but this is a simple prompt to boost the idea through your street party.



### How to use it

1. Print out this Guide and a few copies of the A4 chart, ideally in colour.
2. Decide who is going to look after process to the end - it may not be you!
3. Chat with neighbours about things you already do together- there will be many you might take for granted or not even think of.
4. Promote it on the street party invitations and at planning meetings. On the invite you could use text like this:

#### Street SwapShop

*Do you want to join in a SwapShop table on the day of the street party?  
Swap, give, lend or sell things such as clothes, DVDs, toys, books etc.  
We also want to find out about people to help or team up with others for simple things like baby sitting/play circles, gardening, sharing skills or trades or getting together to take action for the community.*

5. Stick the attached Chart to a board or table at the street party with a pen (on a string). You could also draw the chart onto a large piece of paper?
6. On the day start the ball rolling with some real suggestions that you know you and your neighbours already do.
7. To encourage people to join in you could give out post it notes and ask them to write their ideas down, then add them to the board.
8. Try to follow up by asking people a couple of weeks later what they have done.

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