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Timebanking UK to Widen Reach by Launching on Digital Interactive TV and Mobiles

Time banking UK has been working with the public sector DiTV portal, Looking Local, to make the time banking UK network available on both digital interactive TV (Sky & Virgin Media) as well as on internet enabled mobile phones. Funded by central government (CLG), the project intends to widen the reach of time banking to those people without Internet access or PC skills; currently this is around 13 million people, so we hope to open up new opportunities to time banks across the UK and increase our popularity.

The service will initially be piloted in West Yorkshire (Kirklees) and will be monitored and evaluated to see it's impact brokers time in terms of supporting their work methods as well as involvement in timebanking overall. Further information will be available from the Timebanking UK website shortly.

New for Time Online

Time Online has just recently had a facelift as part of on-going improvements to the system

New features include the ability to send SMS (text messages) to members which include their balances, and a much less fiddly Group Assignment set up.

The next steps are to have optional member log ins for the software.

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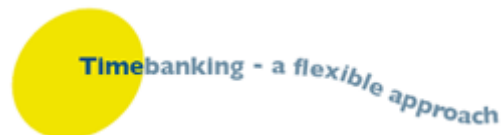
Timebanking Prospectus

The launch of the Timebanking Prospectus this week has been the culmination of nearly 2 years research and development, which makes our business case for timebanking and features the work of a few of the many time banks that are already offering practical, effective, affordable, socially beneficial and sustainable ways to support citizens to generate their own solutions through mutual aid.

Those already involved in timebanking know that it is helping to reverse the current scaling down of social capital and is creating new types of social networks that make it easy for people to come together to share their skills, reflect on issues of common concern and take action to improve things for each other and for the wider community.

You can access the prospectus on our website [here](http://www.timebanking.org/prospectus.html)

To order paper copies or for more information, email info@timebanks.co.uk



Thinking Big in Brighton

Last year The Corner Exchange in Brighton hosted its first major event - The Big Lunch. As the time bank was fairly new at this stage it was a low key event and mainly involved the Time Bank members and local people from the Community who came in out of curiosity in passing.

This year the Corner Exchange is going 'big' for The Big Lunch and hopes to involve the whole community, including the surgery, the library, the community centre and hopefully hundreds of local people from the community. Everything from the planning, to the growing of the food for the event in our own allotment, will be done on Time Credits.

More details about the event can be found here www.thebiglunch.com. If there are any Time Bank members who have experience in organising big events like this we would really welcome the advice!

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Tessa Moynan, Timebanking Administrator at The Corner Exchange told us of other exciting projects that they have worked on: "Some of our Time Bank members have just finished a project for the forthcoming wedding of one of our volunteers.

Instead of the usual card Place Names for the seating plan at her wedding she asked the Time Bank to paint the names on Pebbles to give a more novel and attractive display on the tables."

