

# Badgers and squirrels brought together to ease space problems

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An online business has been launched to help people make money from space in their homes.

The launch of Storenextdoor.com follows the success of businesses which allow people to rent out their drives to motorists or their spare rooms to visitors.

The match-making website introduces householders or small businesses with spare space in their properties, known as badgers, to people who need short or long-term self-storage, known as squirrels.

Through the website, people with things to store can link with others in their neighbourhood who have storage space.

It is the idea of city entrepreneur Dom Moorhouse, along with business partners Dan Hilton and Rosie Bennett.

The site has been launched to coincide with Global Sharing Day which took place yesterday.

Rosie said: "As well as being convenient and local, this personal linking often represents a significant saving over corporate alternatives."

"It also provides a welcome extra income stream for the



NEW IDEA: Squirrel Rosie Bennett, the website's co-founder, and PR manager, badger Jayne Fishwick

PICTURE: Lloyd Ellington

space owner. Trust could be seen as a worry but Storenextdoor.com have worked hard to build a professional site and service with member profiles, identity verifications, a secure payment system and legal contracts.

"So if you find yourself with

space or need extra storage, sign up now."

The firm's contracts are backed by an insurance product which has been developed by Aviva.

It is free to sign up. Simply visit the firm's website at [www.storenextdoor.com](http://www.storenextdoor.com).

## £17k to be spent on community

A new group has been set up to fund projects in the Southdown area of Bath.

The Southdown Community First Team will be working out how to spend £17,000 from the Government-backed Community First programme.

Some aims of the funding are to help the community play a leading role in improving its area, to support projects that improve the quality of life for local people, to encourage residents to get involved in tackling local problems and to start up new resident-led groups and breathe new life into existing ones.

Residents who want to set up a community project in the Southdown council ward can apply for funding. The team is made up of a group of local volunteers who live in the area. If you have an idea on how the money should be used and would like some support or funding contact Paul Penrycook on 01225 477290, email [southdownward.bath@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:southdownward.bath@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.bathcommunityfirstsouthdown.wordpress.com](http://www.bathcommunityfirstsouthdown.wordpress.com).

### The Squirrel



Dan Whiston, from Kipling Avenue at Bear Flat, is a Squirrel.

He is looking for space to store his comic collection, after having his attic converted to another room.

Mr Whiston, who works for the Lighthouse Agency advertising and branding consultancy in The Circus, is married to Barbara and they have three children, eight-year-old twins Max and Anna, and Oscar, 15 months.

He said: "We did have a big attic but we are converting it into another room to give us more space. I have thousands of comics, which I have been collecting all my life, and need somewhere to store them. At the moment our bedroom is piled high with boxes, and we are running out of space."

### The Badger



Zoe Deas, from Bear Flat, is a badger.

She is looking to make a bit of extra money by renting out her attic, which is not used.

Mrs Deas, an editor, is married to John, and has four children, Tom, eight, May, seven, Jack, four, and Eric, two.

She said: "I thought it was a really good idea to get involved."

"We don't use our attic and it is just a waste of space, so we decided to rent it out to make a bit of extra money. We have four children who all need money to do things."

"I work full-time, so can't do any more hours to bring in cash, so we thought about renting out the attic to make money."

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