

Mark Boyle's tips for cheaper living:

1. If you are looking to buy something, from a wardrobe to a bicycle, there is no need to buy it. Go to websites such as [Freecycle](#), or [Freegle](#).
2. If you are looking for clothes and don't want to spend money on the high street, organise a switching evening with friends.
3. If you are travelling for leisure or for work, go to websites such as [Liftshare](#), which matches cars with journeys.
4. If you are travelling and need a place to stay, forget B&Bs and hotels, go to websites such as [Couchsurfing](#) or [The Hospitality Club](#).
5. Websites such as [Freeconomy](#) are perfect if you are looking to share skills or tools without money changing hands.
6. You can use forest gardening techniques (mixing trees, shrubs and plants to mimic the structure of a natural forest) to grow as much food as possible in your garden.
7. You can re-home battery chickens to give them a new life and provide you with fresh eggs. Visit the [British Hen Welfare Trust](#) for more information.
8. You can easily make your own cider by scrumping apples from your neighbour's garden. Obviously ask them for permission, and drop round a bottle to say thank you.
9. You can grow your own soap and shampoo by planting soapwort in your garden.
10. For the really brave, I recommend installing a compost toilet in your house or garden. It saves money, water and the environment.