

Websites

Note: Where a money transaction is involved it is probably best to use a credit card. A good plan is to obtain a credit card with a low credit limit – perhaps £500 or £1000 – and use that exclusively for online transactions.

www.bt.co.uk Useful to use as an online national telephone directory. To find the number you want half way down the home page on the right **Find a number >**. You can search under three categories.

www.royalmail.com Everything you want to know about postal services – costs, weights accepted, and so on.

www.rac.co.uk/route-planner This link takes you straight to the RAC's road route planner to get you from here to there, suggesting a route and distances.

www.thetrainline.co.uk This website enables you to plan a train trip. If you are patient to trawl around on this site and your days/times of travel are flexible to can get some moneysaving deals. (Often buying single tickets is cheaper than returns.)

www.simplyswitch.com The sites helps you to compare prices for, among other services, gas and electricity. Try, too, www.moneyexpert.com

www.amazon.co.uk Online marketplace for all manner of products.

www.ebookers.com Online marketplace for airline tickets. Gives you comparative prices. Real price savers if you have a degree of flexibility when you fly.

www.tesco.com Online shopping and delivery to your door.

www.cottages4you.co.uk This site gives you details and viewing of self-catering accommodation and opportunity to check availability and to book online.

www.wikipedia.org This is an online encyclopedia which you can consult free – a mine of information being continuously updated.

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Transport/pubtrans/Pages/allbusTimetables2.aspx> All the bus services in Northampton and around – current May 2011. Once in the website, click on the bus number in the second column and you will get a timetable.

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/work-and-learning/technology-and-internet/computer-training-courses/computer-training-in-the-east-midlands/> This is a page on the *Age UK* website. It has several links (on the right hand side) to helpful short articles on the subject of computing.

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Leisure/Libraries/publib/Pages/default.aspx> gives you direct access to information about library services. Click on the series of links and you should be able to find your local library. You should be able to do business on line – eg renew books.

Many **medical centres** and surgeries have websites by which repeat prescriptions and other services can be accessed. If you want these services ask your practice manager for details of how to use their website. For an idea of what is on offer click <http://www.queensviewmedicalcentre.co.uk> or www.moultonsurgery.co.uk

Here is a website which is worth browsing in relation to your computer www.microsoft.com - and this page in particular is helpful in creating safer passwords www.microsoft.com/uk/protect/yourself/password/checker.msp

This UK government website help you to know about your rights as a consumer, scam mailing, unwanted telephone calls, and the like. <http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/>

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