

# Organising a jumble sale

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## Resources

- A team of dedicated helpers
- Venue
- Carrier bags
- Tins/ boxes to collect the money in and a cash float per table
- Posters/ flyers Refreshments (organise a home-made cake stall)

## Timing

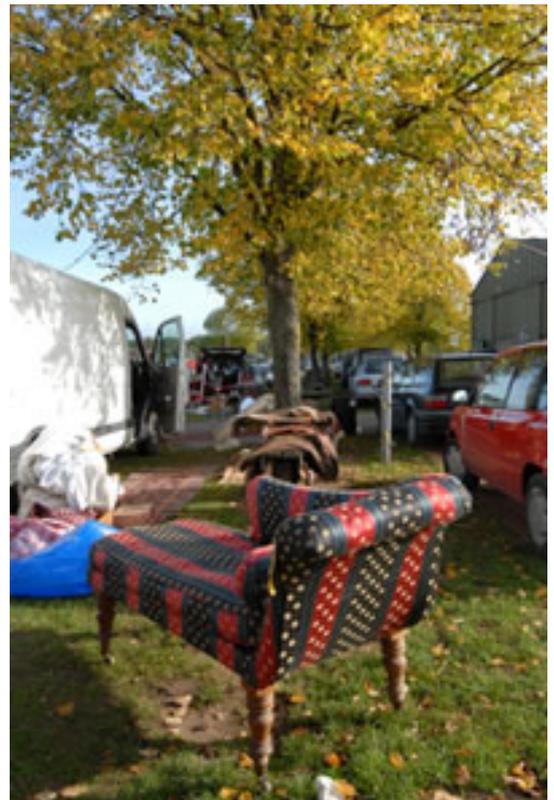
Aim to start planning your sale one month in advance. Book a date at the hall you plan to use. You will need to organise jumble collection points or collect jumble from those people who cannot to take it to a collection point. You will need to ensure the clothes are clean and sort your jumble into different types: clothes, shoes, games, books.

## Publicity

Pin up notices in local shops, newsagents and schools. Consider placing a small classified advertisement in your local paper and put a couple of lines in the community centre and places of worship newsletters too. Most independent radio stations also have a free listing of all local charity events. Always publicise added attractions such as refreshments.

## On the day

Start laying out your room early in the morning. Arrange your tables in two lines using two further



tables to join the lines to form a horseshoe. Pile your jumble in sections around the table and place any clothes rails away from the door. Ensure there is at least one helper per table or rail. Provide some refreshments for your helpers. Make sure helpers arrive at least 15 minutes before opening and that each table has a box to collect money in and a float.

## Fundraising

As well as asking people to make donations for the items they purchase you could charge a small entrance fee. If your jumble is of a low quality or seriously out of fashion you could give each customer several carrier bags as they enter which they can then fill with anything they like. Carriers could then be charged £3 each at the exit. You may also want to sell tea and cakes.

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9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday

10.00am-4.00pm Saturday-Sunday

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